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Specialist John O'Hara smiles as he works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, Aug. 12, 2011.

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Syrians call for Assad's death



An anti-Syrian regime protester of an Islamic group, prays for the Syrian protesters who demonstrate against the Syrian President Bashar Assad, as he holds an Arabic placard read: "No for the oppression," in Sidon, Lebanon, on Friday Aug. 12, 2011. (AP Photo/M. Zaatari)

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BEIRUT (AP) — Tens of thousands of Syrian protesters shouted for President Bashar Assad's death Friday in a dramatic escalation of their rage and frustration, defying bullets and rooftop snipers after more than a week of intensified military assaults on rebellious cities, activists and witnesses said. Security forces killed at least 14 protesters, according to human rights groups. The calls for Assad's execution were a stark sign of how much the protest movement has changed since it erupted in March seeking minor reforms but making no calls for regime change. The protests grew dramatically over the five months that followed, driven in part by anger over the government's bloody crackdown in which rights groups say at least 1,700 civilians have been killed.

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GOP Storms Iowa



Republicans try to gain ground in pre-poll campaigning

Republican presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., holds up a corn dog as she campaigns at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Iowa, Friday, Aug. 12, 2011. Republicans vying to take on President Obama in next year's election looked to gain some footing ahead of an informal vote in Iowa that may winnow the field.

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AMES, Iowa (AP) — Eight Republicans vying to take on President Barack Obama in next year's election assailed Obama for the country's economic woes as each candidate looked to gain some footing ahead of an informal vote in Iowa that may winnow the field. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is leading the field, which became even more crowded Thursday

event marks the first time Republicans in Iowa — which holds the country's first primary contest next year — indicate publicly whom they want as their 2012 presidential nominee. Though it is not it scientific or binding, it could send an early signal about who is showing potential in the race.

Much of Thursday's debate was heavily focused on the Democratic incumbent, with Romney and his seven

The Democratic president will get his shot to counter the criticism next week during a Midwestern bus tour that will take him through this state that helped launch him on the path to the White House four years ago.

Romney, when asked whether he would have vetoed the compromise legislation that Congress gave to the president that raised the debt ceiling, said: "What he served up is not

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Anti-Syrian regime protesters of an Islamic group, pray for the Syrian protesters who demonstrate against the Syrian President Bashar Assad, in the southern port city of Sidon, Lebanon, on Friday Aug. 12, 2011. Syrian soldiers opened fire Friday on tens of thousands of protesters who flooded the streets shouting "We will not kneel!" in a strong show of defiance against President Bashar Assad, whose embattled regime is trying to crush a 5-month-old uprising despite broad international condemnation. The Arabic placards from left to right read: "Enough humiliation, oh my Islam, No to entering mosques, release the detainees".

(AP Photo/Mohammed Zaatari)

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But with the regime shrugging off even the most blistering condemnation, the uprising has become a test of endurance as both sides draw on a deep well of energy and conviction. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Friday urged countries to stop buying Syrian oil and gas or selling the regime weapons, saying those who still do so must "get on the right side of history."

In cities around Syria, protesters chanted, "The people want to execute the president!" during the now-familiar cycle of weekly demonstrations followed by a swift crackdown by the military, security forces and pro-government gunmen who operate on the regime's behalf.

Security forces broke up

protests quickly around the capital Damascus, in the central city of Homs and elsewhere, firing bullets and tear gas. Some areas saw only limited demonstrations because soldiers deployed heavily in restive areas. In a significant show of defiance, some of the largest protests Friday were on the outskirts of the central city of Hama and in the eastern city of Deir el-Zour, where government forces seized control in major military offensives during the past week. The fact that protesters still turned out was a signal that Assad's forces cannot terrify protesters into staying home. However, within Hama, protesters struggled to turn out in great numbers after soldiers clamped down heavily in the streets.



Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and his wife Callista grill pork chops as they visited the Iowa Pork Producers tent during a campaign stop at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Iowa, Friday, Aug. 12, 2011.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

as Texas Gov. Rick Perry jumped in. Perry did not attend the debate, but stole some of the spotlight from afar by making it known hours before it began that he was running for the nomination.

The debate comes just before Saturday's Iowa Republican straw poll. The

rivals each seeking to prove he or she was the strongest Republican to take on Obama.

The nation's teetering economic situation, with stock market volatility and a downgrade in the U.S. credit rating giving Republicans ample opportunities to criticize Obama.

what I would have done if I'd had been president of the United States." Former Minnesota Gov. Pawlenty, who hesitated in a June debate to criticize the former Massachusetts governor, this time accused Romney of sharing views with Obama on spending and health care. □

Enter Rick Perry, formidable fundraiser

NICHOLAS CONFESSIONE

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When Gov. Rick Perry of Texas arrives in South Carolina on Saturday to begin his presidential campaign, he might claim any number of credentials for the country's top office: Creator of jobs. Cutter of taxes. Defender of gun rights.

But it is a credential Perry is unlikely to highlight that could make him the most formidable entrant into the Republican primary so far: He is among the top political fundraisers in the country, with a vast network of wealthy supporters eager to bankroll his presidential ambitions, and he has the potential to energize a Republican donor class that has shown only limited enthusiasm for the candidates already in the race.

In three campaigns for governor, Perry has raised \$102 million, including more than \$39 million during his successful 2010 bid for re-

election. The Republican Governors Association, of which Perry is chairman, raised a record \$22.1 million during the first half of this year.

And in recent months, even as the candidate himself was coy about his presidential ambitions, Perry's campaign finance operation has shifted into high gear, holding meetings around the country with dozens of the party's top uncommitted donors, some of whom have already pledged to raise money for him.

"He is the most successful fundraiser in the history of Texas politics," said Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice, a watchdog organization that tracks campaign spending.

"He may be the best in the country. He will have no trouble raising the money he needs for his presidential campaign."

People familiar with Perry's



An attendee votes for potential Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. Rick Perry in an informal corn poll at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 12, 2011. The Texas governor has a vast network of wealthy supporters eager to bankroll his presidential ambitions, which could make him the most formidable entrant into the Republican primary so far.

(Max Whittaker/The New York Times)

plans say he would aim to raise up to \$10 million within a few weeks of formally entering the race, twice as much as any Republican candidate except Mitt Romney has raised all year. Perry's top "bundlers"—sup-

porters who gather checks from friends, family members and business associates—could be asked to raise as much as \$250,000 each, though campaign officials said hard targets were still in flux.

To jump-start his fundraising, Perry will hold events in nine cities between Aug. 29 and Sept. 1, according to an email sent to his top donors Thursday afternoon.

"We are trying to get in the first million dollars of contributions very rapidly, to give the campaign its initial capital so important to get off the ground well," wrote George Seay, Perry's Texas finance chairman.

"From a fundraising point of view, he looks very formidable," said Barry D. Wynn, a former chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party and a top fundraiser for former president George W. Bush.

"He's battle tested with regards to his gubernatorial race. And I think a number of the people who have been pretty successful raising money for other campaigns are people he's been able to make contact with." □



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Appeals court strikes health insurance requirement

GREG BLUESTEIN
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal appeals court panel on Friday struck down the requirement in President Barack Obama's health care overhaul package that virtually all Americans must carry health insurance or face penalties. The divided three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the so-called individual mandate, which is considered the centerpiece of the law, siding with 26 states that had sued to block the law. But the panel didn't go as far as a lower court that had invalidated the entire overhaul as unconstitutional. Government attorneys can — and likely will — ask the full 11th Circuit to review the panel's ruling. They also can appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which many legal observers expect to have the final say on the issue. White House adviser Stephanie Cutter said the Obama administration strongly disagreed with the ruling and was confident it would not stand. "Individuals who choose to go without health insurance are making an economic decision that affects all of us — when people without insurance obtain health care they cannot pay for, those with insurance and taxpayers are often left to pick up the tab," Cutter said. The 11th Circuit isn't the first appeals court to weigh in on the issue. The federal appeals court in Cincinnati upheld the government's new requirement that most Americans buy health insurance, and an appeals court in Richmond, Virginia, has heard similar legal constitutional challenges to the law. Republicans want to overturn Obama's health care reform which the president made one of the top priorities of his first term. They argue that it is too costly at a time of growing federal and state budget deficits and that it imposes too many government

controls on the industry. Obama supporters point out that the individual mandate was a policy originally advocated by conservative think tanks and say the health care reform package was modeled on a state program introduced in Massachusetts by then-governor Mitt Romney, now the perceived front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination. They say the mandate is a key component of the package intended to extend coverage to more than 30 million uninsured people. In the court challenges, the states and other critics argued the health care re-

form law violates people's rights, while the Justice Department countered that the legislative branch was exercising a "quintessential" power. The 11th Circuit decision, penned by Chief Judge Joel Dubina and Circuit Judge Frank Hull, found that "the individual mandate contained in the Act exceeds Congress's enumerated commerce power." "What Congress cannot do under the Commerce Clause is mandate that individuals enter into contracts with private insurance companies for the purchase of an expensive product from the time they are born until the time they die," the opinion said. Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus said in a lengthy dissent that the majority ignored the "undeniable fact that Congress' commerce power has grown exponentially over the past two centuries, and is now generally accepted as having afforded Congress the authority to create rules regulating large areas of our national economy." The Atlanta-based court is considered by many observers to be the most pivotal legal battleground yet because it reviewed a sweeping ruling by a Florida judge. U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson's ruling not only struck down a requirement that nearly all Americans



President Barack Obama gestures while speaking at Johnson Controls Inc. in Holland, Mich., Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011. A federal appeals court panel on Friday struck down the requirement in President Obama's health care overhaul package that virtually all Americans must carry health insurance or face penalties. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

carry health insurance, but he also threw out other provisions ranging from Medicare discounts for some seniors to a change that allows adult children up to age 26 to remain on their parents' coverage. Medicare is the government-funded program that provides health care coverage to the elderly. The states urged the 11th Circuit to uphold Vinson's ruling, saying in a court filing that letting the law stand would set a troubling precedent that "would imperil individual liberty, render Congress's other enumerated powers superfluous, and allow Congress to usurp the general police power reserved to the states." □

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U.S. Briefs

Preacher: NYC rally ahead of 9/11

DETROIT (AP) — A Florida preacher whose past rhetoric against Muslims has roiled anti-Western sentiment and set off protests overseas says he'll hold a rally in New York City before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Terry Jones told Michigan's MLive.com this week that he and fellow preacher Wayne Sapp will "point out the multiple dangers of the Quran" and talk about radical Islam on Sept. 10 somewhere in the city. He didn't release the location. Jones says he'll also take part in ground zero events on Sept. 11. The burning of a Quran earlier this year at Jones' church in Gainesville, Florida, set off a series of violent protests that killed more than a dozen people in Afghanistan. Jones tells MLive the act isn't something he's "looking to repeat." □

Judge gives Ohio killer death

CLEVELAND (AP) — A serial killer was sentenced to death Friday for murdering 11 troubled women and scattering their remains around his property, horrors that shook the city over police handling of crime in poor neighborhoods. Anthony Sowell, 51, his eyes closed at times, sat impassively as Judge Dick Ambrose — accepting the recommendation of jurors who convicted Sowell of aggravated murder — announced 11 death sentences. Jurors, some wiping tears, returned to court to watch. The judge had the option of reducing the sentence to life in prison without chance of parole. The judge alluded to Sowell's stone-faced demeanor, saying he doubted it would have prompted reaction if the photos of victims had been brought into court daily, as some relatives of victims wanted. Sowell never looked at relatives as they spoke during the sentencing hearing. □

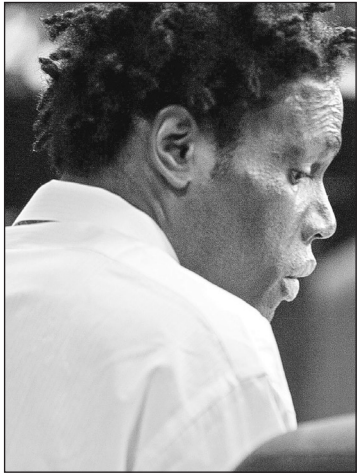
Judge approves AZ recall election

PHOENIX (AP) — A Nov. 8 recall election against a politician who authored Arizona's controversial immigration enforcement law can go ahead as planned, a judge ruled Friday. Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Hugh Hegyi threw out most of a lawsuit that alleged flaws in the recall drive against state Senate President Russell Pearce. The lawsuit by Pearce supporter Franklin Bruce Ross sought to have the election called off on the grounds that recall supporters fell short of the required 7,756 voter signatures from Pearce's district in Mesa. Election officials say recall backers handed in 10,365 valid signatures. The lawsuit alleged that there were flaws with signatures on petitions calling for the election, on affidavits completed by people who collected signatures, and on other paperwork associated with the recall drive. Recall organizers contend they had "substantially complied" with all requirements for calling a recall election, while Pearce supporters say recall organizers should be held to a "strict compliance" standard and that the election should be called off because of errors. □

Court upholds Enron conviction

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court panel on Friday upheld a former Merrill Lynch executive's conviction on perjury and obstruction charges that stemmed from a bogus 1999 deal involving Enron. A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected James A. Brown's contention that federal prosecutors improperly withheld favorable evidence in his case. Brown's attorney, Sidney Powell, said she would ask the full appeals court for a rehearing. □

Alleged gang leader convicted of racketeering



Futo Charles sits in court during his racketeering trial in West Palm Beach, Fla. Charles, who authorities say led one of South Florida's most violent gangs, has been convicted of federal racketeering charges. (AP Photo/The Palm Beach Post, Lannis Waters)

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida (AP) — A man who authorities say led one of South Florida's most violent gangs has been convicted of federal racketeering charges. A Palm Beach County jury on Friday convicted 30-year-old Futo Charles of racketeering and conspiracy to commit racketeering. Each charge could carry 30 years in prison. Authorities in Palm Beach County have linked Charles' Top 6 gang to 14 homicides and more than 150 shootings in the past few years — all part of a gang war. Authorities estimate the gang grew to more than 400 members. Charles, who says Top 6 is a rap group, had faced a slew of charges, including drug possession and attempted murder. Witness Eguel Geffard was supposed to testify in the trial on Monday, but police found him shot to death in a parking lot that same day. □



In LA, a police force transformed

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LOS ANGELES — It had all the makings of another turbulent moment for the Los An-

geles Police Department, an agency once notorious for an "L.A. Confidential" style of hostile relations with people of color, heavy-handed policing and corruption.



A Los Angeles police officer arrests a woman in the West Adams neighborhood of Los Angeles, Aug. 7, 2011. Twenty years after the police beating of Rodney King was caught on videotape, the Los Angeles Police Department is offering itself up as a model for the nation.

(Monica Almeida/The New York Times)

geles Police Department, an agency once notorious for an "L.A. Confidential" style of hostile relations with people of color, heavy-handed policing and corruption.

Two months after triumphantly announcing the arrest of a suspect in a brutal beating at Dodger Stadium, the police admitted that they had arrested the wrong man and charged two other people with the crime.

But unlike other potentially explosive episodes that have rocked this department over the decades, there were no indignant denials or attacks on critics. Instead, Charlie Beck, the police chief, wrote an op-ed article in The Los Angeles Times explaining what had gone wrong and expressing regret at some of his own public comments. "We can do much better," Beck wrote.

The moment reflected what has been a revolution for the Police Department that was once the model for Sgt. Joe Friday and "Dragnet." Twenty years after the police beating of Rodney King was caught on videotape, and 10 years after the Justice Department imposed a consent decree

so many years ago would have been unthinkable — as a model police agency for the United States.

"It's been an amazing transformation," said John W. Mack, a former head of the Urban League who today is the president of the Police Commission, the civilian board that oversees the force.

"The LAPD of today is very, very different than 10, 12 years ago when I was one of the people who was constantly battling them." Constance Rice, a civil rights lawyer who regularly sued the department two decades ago, said, "We've gone from a state of war to becoming partners here."

The department, once widely assailed as racist, homophobic, authoritarian and corrupt, is now viewed as more friend than foe by most people in this city, including blacks and Hispanics, according to polls. A 2009 poll by The Los Angeles Times found that eight in 10 voters strongly or somewhat approved the performance of the department, with 76 percent of Latinos and 68 percent of blacks giving the agency positive grades; some analysts said that given the relative lack of contentious issues

and the continuing drop in the crime rate, the department's approval numbers have if anything continued to improve since that time.

What is more, officials announced last month that the violent crime rate had declined 9.6 percent from last year, the ninth consecutive year of decline.

The number of homicides last year, when 297 people were killed, was the lowest since 1967, when the city was one-third smaller. "We are on track again this year to have under 300 homicides — that's a number I thought I would never see in Los Angeles," Beck said. The decline, reflecting national trends in other big cities, is particularly striking in Los Angeles because of the department's troubled history and because the force, which has just under 10,000 uniformed employees, is smaller per capita than many of the nation's largest cities, including New York.

The turnaround reflects initiatives that have changed the way the department looks, how it battles crime and how it relates to the community. It reflects the considerable success of the last police chief, William J. Bratton, who took over at a time of turmoil and imposed many of the reforms that he had brought as New York's police commissioner, among them statisti-

cal models to track crime and establishing personal relationships between police officers and community members.

"Bratton took them from the police force with the biggest police corruption scandal in the country, and the biggest riot in American history, on its resume to a police force that was producing declining crime, had won the confidence of a liberal police commission and won the respect of the black middle class," Rice said. "The LAPD was hated by everybody. Bratton didn't only reduce crime. He created a new policing atmosphere."

Erwin Chemerinsky, a law professor at the University of California in Irvine, who wrote a report on departmental abuses after Rampart, said, "Bratton made clear that the culture that tolerated an excess of force, where a code of silence was just pervasive, could no longer be tolerated."

Bratton, who left the force in 2009, said he found the challenges in Los Angeles much tougher than what he faced during two years in New York. "The NYPD was more ready for change," he said. "The LAPD was a very proud organization, was resistant to change, very resistant to me coming in as an outsider."

The changes were apparent during a visit the other day at the Southwest Division headquarters in South Central Los Angeles, long identified with gang violence.

Charts on the walls tracked, day by day and neighborhood by neighborhood, upticks in crime. Tracy A. Hauter, the senior lead officer, put on a wide pair of sunglasses and took off from roll call to spend her Sunday morning tooling from one side of her turf to the other. She visited community leaders, who ran out of their homes to greet her, gazed down alleys to check out efforts to clean up trash and graffiti and offered a running travelogue on the neighborhood. □

Judge:

Anthony to serve fraud probation

MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) —

Casey Anthony must return to Orlando within two weeks to serve a year's probation for check fraud, a Florida judge ruled Friday. Judge Belvin Perry said that Anthony must follow a probation order issued by another judge and report to an Orange County probation officer no later than Aug. 26, although she could report earlier.

The other judge had ordered Anthony to report to Florida last week for her one-year probation. But that judge later recused himself and turned the case over to Perry, who presided over the murder trial that ended last month with Anthony's acquittal.

Anthony has been out of the public eye since she was acquitted in the death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee.

The jury's decision angered many people, and threats were made against Anthony's life.

Anthony's attorneys had

argued that she served her probation while in jail awaiting trial in her murder case and requiring her to do so

Perry said he would authorize the Department of Corrections to make an exception and keep Anthony's



Cindy Anthony is comforted by George Anthony, right, during a memorial ceremony at the site where the body of their granddaughter Caylee Anthony was found on what would have been her sixth birthday in Orlando, Fla. Their daughter Casey Anthony must return to Orlando within two weeks to serve a year's probation for check fraud, a Florida judge ruled Friday.

(AP Photo/Phelan M. Ebenhack)

again would be double jeopardy. They also argued that her life would be in danger if her location were known, given that she has received death threats.

address private during her probation.

"It is clear the court stated the defendant's probation was to start once she was released from jail," Perry said in his order.

Anthony was sentenced in January 2010 to one year of probation after she pleaded guilty to stealing checks from a friend. □

US teen gets 30 years for shooting classmate

RICK CALLAHAN

Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Indiana (AP) — A teenager convicted of shooting a former middle school classmate was sentenced to 30 years in prison Friday by a judge who told him the shooting just inside a school entrance "stole the innocence of this community."

Just before he was sentenced, 16-year-old Michael Phelps read a long statement, some of it inaudible, where he described his turbulent home life, his mother's frequent drinking and his growing frustrations with life and his victim in the months before the shooting.

"I let it get to my head. I let my anger get the best of me," Phelps told Morgan County Judge G. Thomas Gray, before turning to apologize to his victim, 15-year-old Chance Jackson.

Phelps was convicted of attempted murder in an adult trial last month in the March 25 shooting just inside an entrance to Martinsville West Middle School south of Indianapolis.

Gray sentenced Phelps to 35 years in prison, suspending five years and ordering him to serve five years of probation after his release.

He told Phelps that the aggravating factors in his case — including that he shot Jackson twice and made a weapon while in jail after his arrest — outweighed the mitigating factors of his upbringing in a chaotic household.

"Mr. Phelps, you stole the innocence of this community. Chance Jackson did not deserve this. Morgan County did not deserve this," he said.

The judge noted that Jackson's wounds have changed his life and will cause him decades of physical problems.

"You have put him in his own prison for the rest of his life," Gray said. "He will be in pain and suffering for the rest of his life."

After Gray pronounced his sentence, Phelps became teary-eyed, lowered his head and pressed his face against his folded hands.

Steve Litz, Phelps' attorney, said after the hearing that he plans to appeal both the sentence and another judge's decision to try Phelps as an adult. □

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Investors find new ways to strategize amid volatility

PAUL SULLIVAN

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The stock market in the last week has been the very definition of volatile, up one day, down the next, then up again the day after.

But while most investors care about volatility only when markets go down and their portfolio loses value, volatility works both ways. And smart investors are figuring out ways to smooth out the peaks and valleys.

Tony Roth, head of wealth management strategies at UBS Wealth Management, said he considered volatility a fourth asset class, after stocks, bonds and alternative investments like real estate and hedge funds. And he advises the firm's wealthiest clients to factor it into their portfolio even in good times.

"You're competing in a market with high-speed and hedge fund traders, and they have volatility strategies as a source of returns," Roth said. "If you're not developing your own strategy for dealing with volatility, you're at a structural disadvantage on the playing field we call financial markets."

While thinking of volatility as an investment may seem as odd as buying air rights for development once did (or still does), devising strategies that limit the highs and lows in the global economy are becoming increasingly common. They generally fall into two categories: strategies that look to profit from volatile markets and those that try to cushion a portfolio from those wild swings.

What has changed is that many of these strategies are no longer available

only to the most sophisticated investors. (Some of them certainly got a lot more expensive this week.) Two of the strategies I discuss below are accessible to investors with even modest portfolios, and two are for wealthier investors, but they show just how much control people can now exert on their returns.

Here's a look at the strategies aimed at giving investors more control over their returns, although, of course, there are some risks.

COLLARS

The simplest volatility strategy is combining two types of options to create a range a stock or an index will trade in. This is done by selling a call option, which allows the buyer of that call to purchase shares at a set price, and then buying a put option, which allows the person who owns the shares to force someone else to buy them if they fall to a certain level.

Take United Parcel Service,

which was hovering around \$63 a share on Monday, the first day of trading after Standard & Poor's down-



Tyler Vernon, chief investment officer of Biltmore Capital Advisors, which manages \$600 million for wealthy families, at his office in Princeton, N.J., Aug. 10, 2011. Investors like Vernon are figuring out ways to smooth out the peaks and valleys of volatile markets.
(Laura Pedrick/The New York Times)

graded the United States' credit rating. Tyler Vernon, chief investment officer of Biltmore Capital Advisors, which manages \$600 million for wealthy families, said that an investor could

have sold a call option at \$65 a share for \$2.50 and for the same amount bought a put option at \$60. The costs

would cancel each other out and the investor would have created what is called a collar around the stock. "With volatility kicking up, this is a strategy that more

sophisticated investors are taking advantage of," Vernon said. "They're OK giving up the upside after seeing markets fall down by hundreds of points every day."

Of course, the investor may not get the gains if the UPS stock rises above \$65 before the collar expires. But Vernon said this was a risk most clients were willing to take.

"They're having flashbacks to 2008 at this point, so that's not a bad deal."

FUTURES CONTRACTS

A slightly more complex but relatively inexpensive way to manage losses is to buy futures contracts that bet an index will fall in value. Mark Coffelt, who manages the Empiric Core Equity Fund, said he hedged the entire \$50 million portfolio this week by buying 702 contracts that bet the Russell 2000 index, which tracks small-cap stocks, would fall in value. □

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US fails to get UN votes to condemn Sudan violence

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Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia and China blocked U.S. attempts to get the U.N. Security Council to condemn Sudanese government bombing and other military activities in the South Kordofan region of Sudan, U.N. diplomats said Friday.

South Kordofan lies across the border from newly independent South Sudan, and the clashes between government troops from Sudan's Arab north and forces aligned with the south have added to the strained relations between the two countries.

The United States circulated a statement earlier this week which would have condemned the violence in South Kordofan and called for an end to the aerial bombings. But the diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity because discussions were private, said the U.S. withdrew it on Friday because of Russian and Chinese opposition to any condemnation or mention of aerial bombing. Both countries are allies of Sudan, and China is a major arms supplier and a heavy investor in Sudan's oil industry.

U.S. Mission spokesman Mark Kornblau said: "The grave humanitarian situation in South Kordofan demands a clear and strong response from the Security Council, not a wa-

tered-down statement."

Many inhabitants of South Kordofan fought for the south during the country's more than two decade civil war against the north and are ethnically linked to the south. Thousands of soldiers in the southern army hail from the fertile and mili-

early June, at least 200,000 people in South Kordofan have been killed, injured or forced to flee their homes and land by ongoing fighting and aerial bombardments.

Brieuc Pont, spokesman for France's U.N. Mission, expressed regret that the council could not agree on



Elmiyo Mohamed Ali, 29, a refugee from southern Somalia, serves food to her children in a makeshift shelter at a refugee camp in Mogadishu, Somalia. Russia and China blocked U.S. attempts to get the U.N. Security Council to condemn Sudanese government bombing and other military activities in the South Kordofan region of Sudan, U.N. diplomats said Friday.

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tarized Nuba Mountains in South Kordofan, whose people practice Islam, Christianity and animism. The government in Khartoum insists it is not targeting civilians. Amanda Pitt, a spokeswoman for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, said that since

a unified message on the South Kordofan fighting. "Violence against civilians cannot be met with blank stares from the Security Council," Pont told The Associated Press. "France will continue to work hard to achieve a clear and strong message on the violence in South Kordofan." □

Riots force rethink on Britain juvenile justice



British Prime Minister David Cameron, front center, poses with group of young people, who are taking part in 'Not In Our Name' event, on the step of 10 Downing Street in London, Friday, Aug. 12, 2011. The London riots earlier this week have thrown London's youth into the spotlight and the 'Not In Our Name' is a non-political, non-denominational event to give London's young people the chance to talk about what has happened and create a positive response that they can take back to their communities.

(AP Photo/Sang Tan)

JILL LAWLESS

PAISLEY DODDS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — It wasn't long ago that David Cameron launched what became known as his "Hug a Hoodie" campaign — an initiative born of a public outcry over Britain's ill-behaved youths, and one that ended in ridicule when hooded youths mocked the then opposition leader during a photo opportunity. Now as prime minister, Cameron is opting for tough love in the wake of Britain's riots.

He has declared anyone convicted in the unrest will be jailed, and he's even

warned rioters that they may be kicked out of state-subsidized housing. "We will track you down, we will find you, we will charge you, we will punish you," he said.

Some critics say the hardline stance falls short.

Among them are law-enforcement officials and youth workers who claim Britain has taken too soft an approach to juvenile offenders. Too many receive cautions, which they ignore. Others have been given Anti-Social Behavior Orders, an invention of the previous Labour government which have been derided as largely ineffective, even being used as a badge of honor by delinquent youths. □

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9 troops die in two days in Afghanistan

DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —

Insurgent attacks have killed nine NATO service members in the past two days in Afghanistan, where the U.S.-led coalition is mourning the deaths of 30 American troops and eight Afghans in a helicopter crash last week, military officials said Friday.

The Aug. 6 crash was the single deadliest loss for U.S. forces in the nearly decade-long war. The crash victims' remains were flown to a mortuary at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

The Pentagon said Friday that the military's medical examiner's office had positively identified all 30 U.S. troops and two of the eight Afghans, as well as the U.S. military dog that died in the crash. Identification work continues on the other six Afghans, the Pentagon said. The identification team comprised 10 forensic pathologists, two forensic anthropologists, six odontologists (forensic dentists) and dentists, three FBI fingerprint experts, three forensic investigators, two tissue technicians and a three-person DNA team. To make the identifications, medical examiners used forensic techniques, including fingerprints, dental examination, radiology and DNA matching — techniques that were not available in

Afghanistan. The coalition has said that the chopper was apparently shot down in Wardak province

fears, saying that while the downing of the Chinook helicopter was a tragic setback, one crash will not

determine the course of the war.

Still, it was a psychological victory for the Taliban, which claimed responsibility for the crash and is relentlessly pursuing its campaign of intimidation and violence.

Eight of the nine NATO service members who died on Thursday and Friday were killed by roadside bombs, the insurgents' weapon of choice.

Two died Friday in separate blasts in the south, the coalition said. Their nationalities have not been disclosed.

On Thursday, a roadside bomb killed five U.S. troops in the south, American military officials said.

Also on Thursday, a roadside blast killed a French

soldier 4 miles (7 kilometers) south of Tagab in Kapisa province in the east, the French Defense Ministry said in a statement. Four other French soldiers were wounded in the attack.

Another NATO service member died Thursday in an insurgent attack in the south, according to the U.S.-led coalition.

NATO did not disclose any further information about the deaths.

So far this year, 378 American and other NATO service members have died in the war in Afghanistan. □



Farooq Ahmad Bhatt, an Indian doctor, examines an Afghan woman as others wait for their turns at a free medical camp during a holy month of Ramadan in the poor neighborhood of Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday, Aug. 12, 2011.

(AP Photo/Dar Yasin)

by a rocket-propelled grenade, but is investigating whether other causes contributed to the crash. The victims were: 17 members of the elite Navy SEALs, five Naval Special Warfare personnel who support the SEALs, three Air Force Special Operations personnel, an Army helicopter crew of five, seven Afghan commandos and an Afghan interpreter.

The crash comes amid fears that the country is far from stable even though U.S. and NATO forces have begun to leave Afghanistan. U.S. military officials have tried to counter those



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Aruba officials think missing U.S. tourist dead

BEN FOX
Associated Press
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)
 — Authorities in Aruba believe a missing American tourist is no longer alive and are seeking to extend a detention order for her travel companion as they seek witnesses who will help them build a case against him, a prosecutor on the Dutch Caribbean island said Friday. Investigators have few witnesses who saw Robyn Gardner and Gary V. Giordano together in Aruba before he reported her missing, said Solicitor Gen-

eral Taco Stein. Giordano has told police she was apparently pulled away by the ocean current as they snorkeled off the southern tip of the island on Aug. 2. After so many days, authorities no longer believe the 35-year-old Maryland woman could be alive, so they are holding Giordano on suspicion of involvement in her death. Her remains have not been recovered despite a search of more than four days in the sea and on the coastline in the area where she was reported missing. "As long as we don't have



Left: U.S. citizen Gary V. Giordano, 50, of Gaithersburg, Maryland is shown on an Aruba's police mugshot in Oranjestad, Aruba; Right: Robyn Gardner, 35, of Frederick, Maryland. Authorities in Aruba believe missing American tourist Gardner is no longer alive and are seeking to extend a detention order for her travel companion Giordano as they seek witnesses who will help them build a case against him, a prosecutor on the Dutch Caribbean island said Friday.

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a body, you can question whether or not she is dead," Stein told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "On the other hand, with all the publicity on the case, if she were still alive she would have made herself known." Other factors also lead to the conclusion she is dead, Stein told reporters later. Police have recovered her passport from her belongings and don't believe she could have left the island by air with a false identity. They have also found no evidence that she left Aruba by boat. Asked why there is no further search for her remains, the prosecutor said it would be difficult to search without knowing where to look,

even on a relatively small island. Aruba is about 75 square miles (193 square kilometers), nearly the size of Baltimore, Maryland. But later Friday, several dozen police and firefighters fanned out in an area near where Gardner went missing and appeared to be searching caves. Officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Giordano, a 50-year-old business owner from Gaithersburg, Maryland, has denied any wrongdoing through his attorney. He initially helped with the search but Stein said he now declines to answer questions from investigators. Giordano and Gardner, who is from Frederick, Maryland, arrived

in Aruba on July 31 and shared a room at a Marriott hotel. Investigators have surveillance tape of them at a restaurant near Baby Beach, not far from where he says she disappeared while snorkeling. But no witnesses saw them go into the water and police have no knowledge of what else they did on the island, Stein said. Investigators have distributed photos of the couple and are hoping anyone who saw them will contact police. Investigators particularly need details of how the couple behaved together on the island, and whether they seemed close or quarreled. "We have very little information about what they did on the island. □



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A lifetime quest to finish an encyclopedia of Iran

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Ralph Ellison wrote for 40 years without finishing his novel "Juneteenth." Antoni Gaudi labored 43 years on the Sagrada Familia basilica in Barcelona, Spain, but construction continues today. And in the annals of grand quixotica, Ehsan Yarshater also deserves a prominent chapter.

At 53, he embarked on his

him as general editor.

The sheer ambition of Yarshater's vision is daunting. With money from the National Endowment for the Humanities, he has worked to create the most comprehensive account of several millennia of Iranian history, language and culture in the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent and Central Asia.

"There is nothing like it" in

write about Sirjan and Rafsanjani, townships in the south of Iran.

Yarshater has not been back to Iran in 32 years, ever since the Ayatollah Khomeini overthrew the Shah of Iran and established an Islamic republic in 1979.

"The encyclopedia's impartiality does not please the current Persian government," Yarshater said in a low, breathy voice. A troublesome tremor that started in his hand several years ago has moved to his knees and vocal cords, slowing him down and compelling him to use an assistant. But otherwise he feels healthy. "My immune system is excellent," he boasted.

For years Yarshater's routine was to work late into the night, coming home only when his wife walked down the hallway from their apartment to the Iranian center to fetch him. "I don't know many wives who would tolerate that," he said appreciatively. (She died in 1999; the couple had no children.)

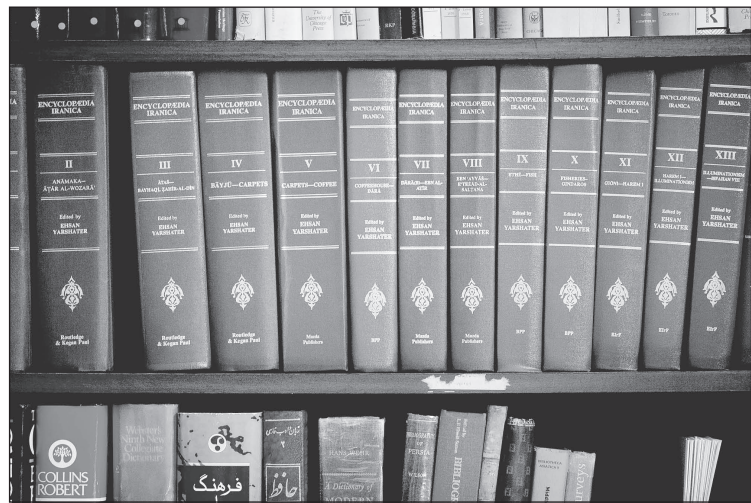
"I've seen him work 12 hours without a break," said Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, director of the Center for Persian Studies at the University of Maryland, who has known Yarshater for more than 40 years. He remembers a visit when Yarshater stayed up until 3 a.m. editing. Three hours later, he was in the shower, getting ready to return to work.

Yarshater expects others to have equal enthusiasm for the task. It took him 17 years to choose his replacements, rejecting one potential successor when he concluded that the man was "too concerned about the number of holidays he could take and the number of hours he would work."

scope or quality, said Ali Banuazizi, a professor at Boston College and a former president of the Middle East Studies Association of North America.

Unlike a conventional encyclopedia, which briefly summarizes existing knowledge, Yarshater's work, Encyclopedia Iranica, is producing original scholarship. "Most of the articles require research," said Banuazizi, because they are topics no one has studied in much depth.

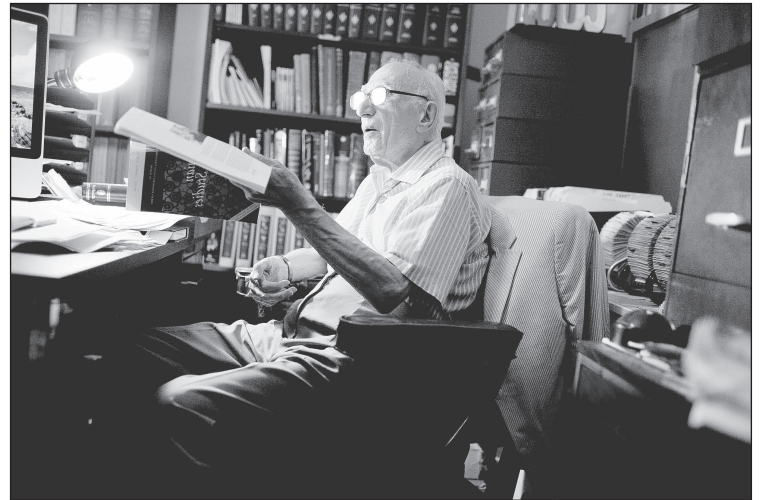
Yarshater has raised the bar further. "Our aim is that for each subject," he said, "we should find the best person in the entire world." With that in mind, he has been searching two and a half years for an expert to



The completed volumes of a comprehensive Iranian Encyclopedia by Ehsan Yarshater, a professor at Columbia University, in New York, Aug. 9, 2011. At 53, Yarshater embarked on his magnum opus, a definitive encyclopedia of Iranian history and culture, now at the age of 91 he's still toiling away.

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magnum opus, a definitive encyclopedia of Iranian history and culture. At 75, he started looking for a successor. He didn't find one so he kept going himself. Now he's 91. He's up to "K." "My mission is to finish the encyclopedia," he said recently from his office at Columbia University's Center for Iranian Studies. He knows he won't be able to do it personally, especially since the task keeps expanding as progress is made. There are topics to be added and entries to be updated. So Yarshater has tried to make sure the work will continue by establishing a private foundation with a \$12 million endowment and finally choosing three scholars to replace



Ehsan Yarshater, a professor at Columbia University, in New York, Aug. 9, 2011. At 53, Yarshater embarked on his magnum opus, a definitive encyclopedia of Iranian history and culture, now at the age of 91 he's still toiling away.

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Now Yarshater works only until 9 p.m., staying long after his colleagues have turned off their lights. When he returns home, he indulges in his latest hobby: learn-

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Recalling when a wall sundered a city

NICHOLAS KULISH

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BERLIN — Gunter Schlusche stood in what was once the foundation of Bernauer Street 10A, right in front of the cinder blocks and mortar that remained, just as they had half a century earlier, when East German

fall of Communism across Eastern Europe.

This is a darker moment to recall, the morning of Aug. 13, 1961, when Berliners awoke to find that soldiers had erected barbed-wire barricades, closed down road traffic and sealed off rail links between East Berlin

that could finally help Germans come to terms with this element of their complicated past.

The problem that confronted Schlusche and the team from the Berlin Wall Memorial was how to evoke the ominous feelings of a wall that is now mostly gone.

is like a park, with peaceful fields of grass punctuated with information stands. Famous pictures are reproduced on the sides of adjoining buildings, such as the photographer Peter Leibing's iconic image of a young East German soldier in his metal mushroom-shaped helmet making a balletic leap over the barbed wire to freedom. It is striking as a 20-foot-tall, black-and-white painting. But sections of the wall itself remain the focal point. Alongside original sections of the barrier, workers erected metal poles of the same height — roughly 12 feet — made from red-rusted steel that is often used in sculptures.

"A reconstruction is never authentic," Schlusche said. "We are preserving the authentic."

The metal poles represent what he calls a "re-mapping" of the wall, not an attempt to re-create.

Ingrid Bottcher, a Berlin resident for 46 years, said she was uncertain about the steel poles when she

photographs in a sea of tourists.

Bernauer Street is more reflective. The displays include photographs of the victims, including small children, killed trying to cross the border. Visitors listen to audio testimony and watch videos as they walk along the former death strip, the no man's land on the eastern side of the wall where guards shot to kill.

"You would be dead and he would be dead, and I would have quickly ducked over there," said Axel Marquardt, 46, who grew up in the former East Germany near Magdeburg. Marquardt recalled the first time he saw the wall. It was winter and he could see the prints from the guard dogs in the snow. He said he watched the patrols go by and thought to himself, "You could never make those 10 meters," or roughly 30 feet. Disagreements over the wall's place in history are usually described in terms of East Germans ver-



Gunter Schlusche at part of the memorial to the Berlin Wall that he designed to commemorate its construction 50 years ago, in Berlin. The memorial will be unveiled Saturday to commemorate the construction of the wall, the memory of which still dredges up unresolved issues.

(Gordon Welters/The New York Times)

workers bricked up the house's windows the day the Berlin Wall went up.

"This is like a sunken ship that has surfaced to tell its story," Schlusche said of the border house, evacuated Sept. 24, 1961, and demolished less than four years later. The foundation was recently unearthed as workers expanded a section of the Berlin Wall Memorial that will be unveiled Saturday to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its construction.

"Although it may not be a Greek temple, this is archaeology," Schlusche said, shouting to be heard over the din of landscapers running mowers and leaf blowers to prepare for the arrival of Chancellor Angela Merkel, who will attend the ceremony.

Two years ago, the 20th anniversary of the fall of the wall was celebrated by the German government with guests from all over Europe. A ceremonial toppling of giant dominoes was meant to represent the

and West Berlin. To this day, the memory dredges up unresolved issues. Germans have never quite come to terms with the building of a wall that sundered their city for 28 years, forging a border where Germans shot Germans for trying to travel across town.

The degree of ambivalence about the fall of Communism and the end of the East German state was evident in a survey published by the daily newspaper Berliner Zeitung, in which a third of Berliners thought that the building of the wall was either justified or partly justified to stem the tide of refugees leaving for the West. The task has fallen to Schlusche, the Berlin architect who coordinated the construction of the Holocaust Memorial not far from the Brandenburg Gate, to act as the conductor of the orchestra of builders, landscape architects, designers and painters to create a fitting monument on nearly a mile of land here



A visitor is seen through a part of the memorial to the Berlin Wall, designed by Gunter Schlusche to commemorate its construction 50 years ago, in Berlin.

(Gordon Welters/The New York Times)

Work crews demolished large sections of the wall after it was finally opened on Nov. 9, 1989, while individuals chiseled away pieces for souvenirs. Within a few years visitors, could no longer tell in many cases where this relic of the Cold War once stood.

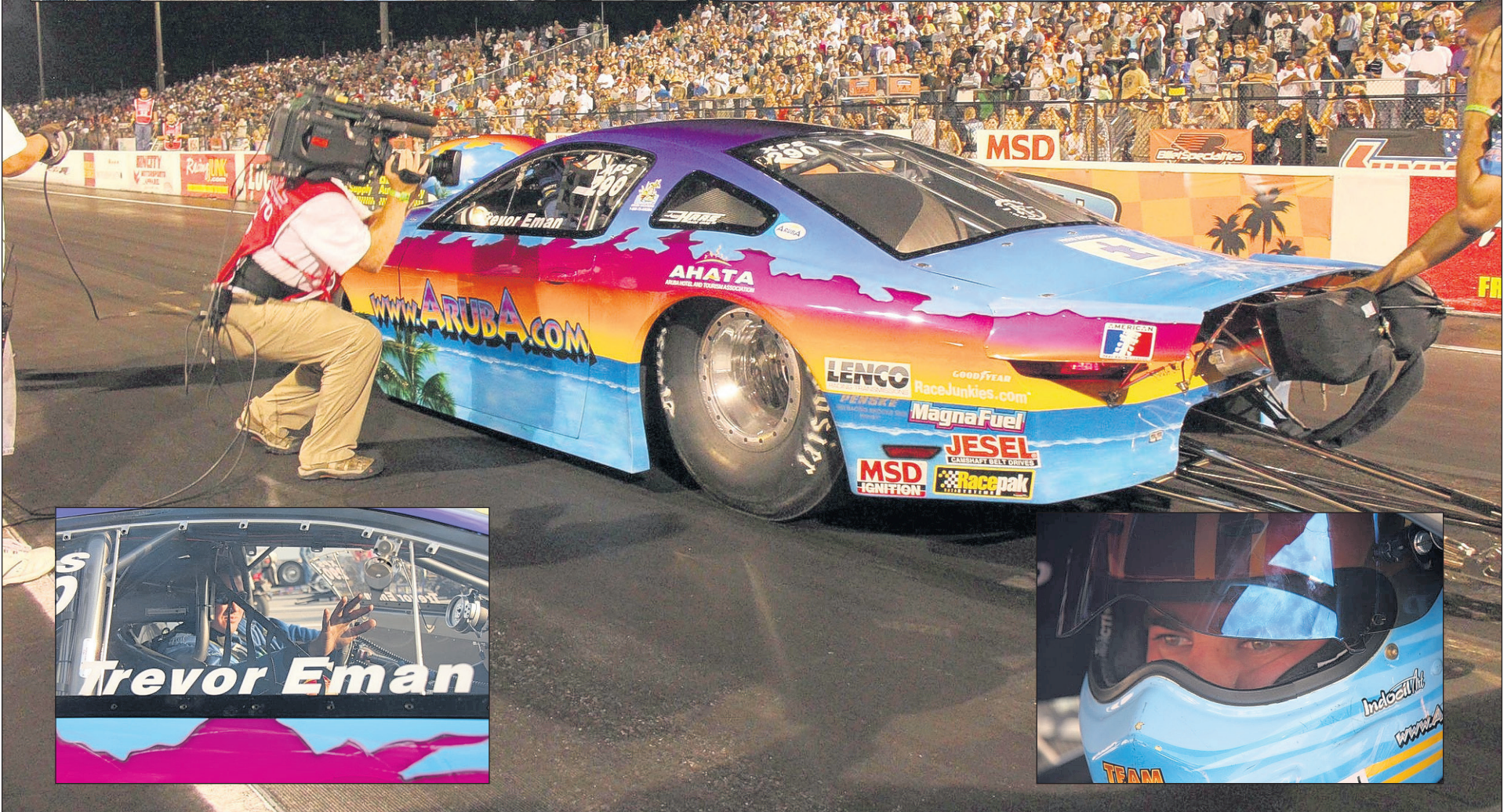
The incomplete memorial

read about them in the newspaper. But standing in front of them she declared, "It works." She was hosting visitors and had just come from showing them the famous border crossing called Checkpoint Charlie, which she said was "just a carnival," with actors in old military uniforms posing for

sus West Germans. But the lingering animosity today is mostly among East Germans, pitting the victims of the government against those who worked for the system, said Hope M. Harrison, a professor of history and international affairs at George Washington University. □



Team Aruba ready to enter top 8 in Virginia



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pete with anybody. "We are very positive and ready for a great race and to have fun." On September 9 and 10, 2011, Team Aruba will participate in the race in Rock-

ingham, North Carolina. For all events and results, follow Team Aruba on www.facebook.com/teamarubaracing and Twitterpage - @TeamArubaRacing. □



Venezuela snubs Curacao on PDVSA talks

PHILIPSBURG - Issues pertaining to the operations of PDVSA will now be handled through the office of foreign affairs.

This was announced recently by the Venezuelan government.

Earlier talks on the future of the Venezuelan oil refinery were expected to take place in light of the approaching date of 2019, when the contract with Curacao expires.

The talks that were expected to take place on Curacao have seemingly encountered problems with the sudden delay of a Venezuelan Ministerial visit three times. □

US Forward Operating Location (USFOL) Visits Siloam Village



WILLEMSTAD, Curacao - 22 volunteers from the 429th Expeditionary Operations Squadron located at the U.S. Forward Operating Location (USFOL) visited the SILOAM Village to clean the children's play ground. Volunteers donned work gloves, weed eaters and rakes to help spruce up the village property. Volunteers also delivered 10 boxes of donations filled with diapers, clothes, personal items and cleaning supplies.

SILOAM administrators expressed their utmost appreciation. "You have blessed us again!" said Brother Herman Gijbers, SILOAM owner/operator. The USFOL Chaplain observed, "SILOAM Village always welcomes us with open arms and hearts. It was awesome to know we've left the facility cleaner and safer for the children. Touching lives and making a difference is why our folks volunteer." □

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High number of Kittitian young teens sexually active

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts, Friday August 12, 2011 – A school-based Student Health Survey has found that almost a third of children between the ages of 13 and 15 are sexually active. The survey conducted in March this year also found that a third of children in the age range are overweight and only a quarter of them are en-

gaged in physical activity at least one hour daily. The survey was conducted in all secondary schools in St. Kitts and Nevis and involved 1,740 students of Forms 2, 3 and 4. It attempted to assess dietary behaviours, mental health, physical activity, protective factors, sexual behaviour, and violence and injuries profile of the students.

Significant findings include that: 31.7 percent of students have had sexual intercourse, 32.5% of students are overweight; ; 25.6 percent of students engaged in physical activity for at least one hour per day; and 96.3 percent of students brush their teeth at least once a day. In a report to the Cabinet, the Ministry of Health said

the survey is part of its efforts to better serve the health interest of the nation and that it was critical that the ministry gleaned statistically-valid information about various dimensions of the health and habits of young people in the twin-island federation. "The Ministry of Health stresses that the information gleaned will be used in key

decision-making and that it will continue to advocate for healthy lifestyle in all of its aspects," a government statement said. The Ministry said it has received the endorsement of the Cabinet to convene a National Stakeholder Consultation to determine practical and sustainable responses to the findings of the research. □

Virgin Atlantic plane in accident at Tobago airport

SCARBOROUGH, Tobago, – The ANR Robinson International Airport in Tobago was closed and an investigation launched after a Virgin Atlantic aircraft entered a closed section of the taxiway and blew a tyre. None of the 452 passengers and 16 crew members on board the flight, VS 52, was hurt in the mishap. The Boeing 747-400, which was about to depart for Gatwick, London, entered a section of the airport that was undergoing repairs and closed for construction. The plane was immobilized as a result. "The Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (AATT) immediately activated its emergency plan. The Fire Service responded and all relevant stakeholders were alerted," a statement from the government said. "There are no reported in-



juries. AATT organized the shuttling of passengers from the aircraft to the terminal." The area of the runway had been closed to facilitate paving and rehabilitation works and the statement said the closed taxiway was ap-

propriately marked and lit. A team from the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority is conducting investigations to determine the cause of the incident and efforts last night to remove the aircraft were being coordinated with Virgin

Atlantic and AATT engineers. Four Caribbean Airlines flights were cancelled as a result of the closure of the airport. The Ministry of Transport said contingency plans were in place to accommodate passengers

who were displaced as a result of the incident. "For the travelling public between Trinidad and Tobago, contingency plans are being put in place by the relevant authorities to ensure that travel between the two islands continues to be facilitated," it added in a release. The ministry said the Inter Island Ferry was also committed to filling any void. The incident was the second aviation mishap in the Caribbean in two weeks, following the Caribbean Airlines plane crash at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport in Guyana on July 30. There were no fatalities but some injuries, a few of them serious, when the plane carrying 163 passengers and crew overshot the runway, broke through the airport perimeter fence and split in two. □



Woods gets ready to head home from Atlanta

Tiger Woods reacts after missing a birdie putt on the sixth hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

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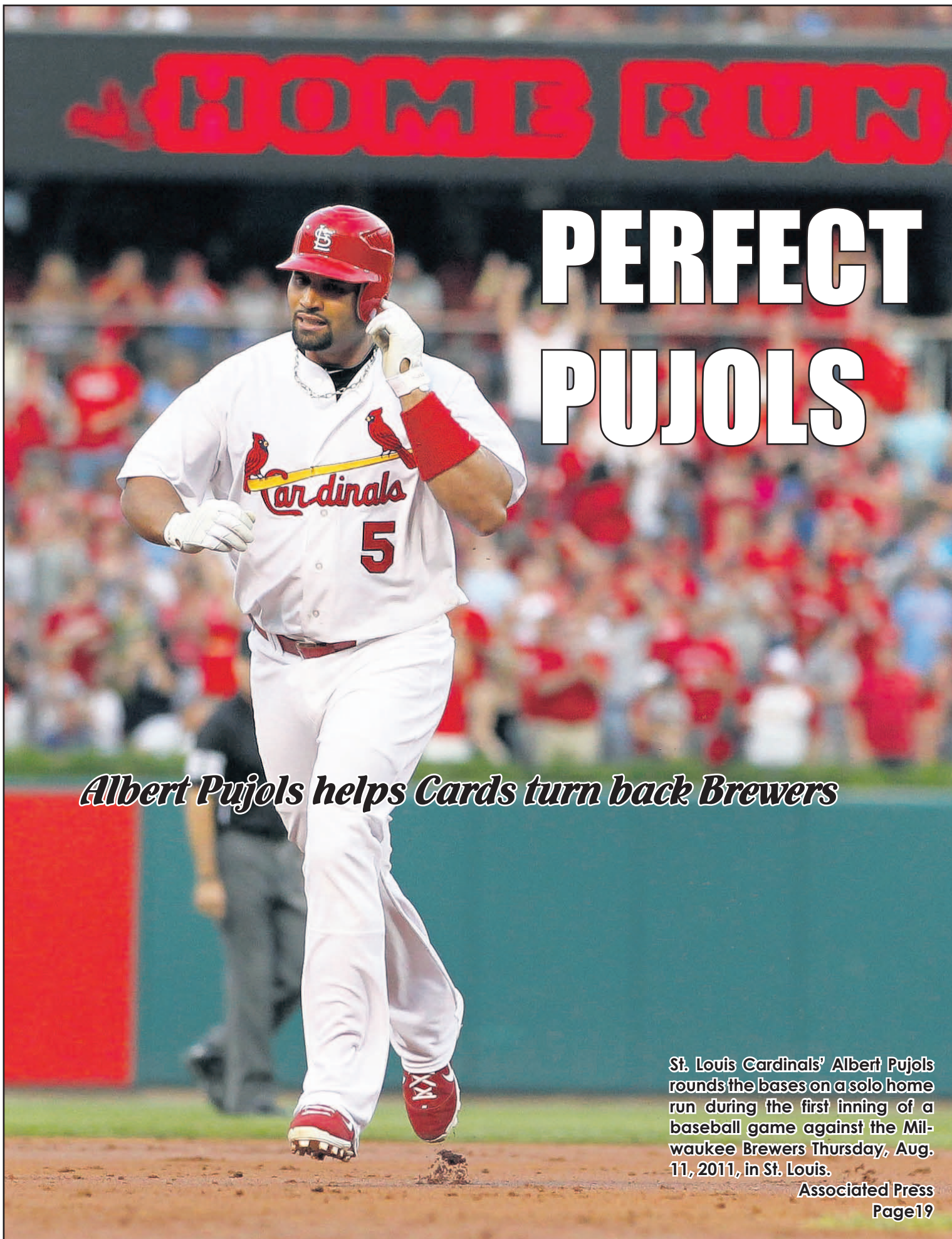
Mardy Fish from the United States, returns to Stanislas Wawrinka from Switzerland, during a quarterfinals match at the Rogers Cup men's tennis tournament Friday, Aug. 12, 2011 in Montreal.

Associated Press

Fish, Tsonga, Tipsarevic reach Montreal semis

MONTREAL (AP) — Mardy Fish finished with authority to beat Stanislas Wawrinka on Friday and advance to the semifinals of Rogers Cup shorn of most of its big-name title contenders. defeated Stanislas Wawrinka 6-3, 6-7 (8), 6-0 Friday to advance to the semifinals of the Rogers Cup. The sixth-seeded American put behind him an error-strewn second set with a dominant third, winning 6-3, 6-7 (8), 6-0 over the 14th-seeded Swiss. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, the 13th seed who was coming off a victory over former world No. 1 Roger Federer, downed eighth-seeded Nicolas Almagro of Spain 6-4, 6-4 to also advance to the semifinals, as did Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia, who ousted seventh-seeded Tomas Berdych 6-4, 6-4 for his third victory in three meetings against the Czech player.

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HOME RUN PERFECT PUJOLS

Albert Pujols helps Cards turn back Brewers

St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols rounds the bases on a solo home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, in St. Louis.

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Bears fan Obama hosts Packers at White House



President Barack Obama is presented with a stock certificate, by Green Bay Packers football cornerback Charles Woodson, left, making him a team shareholder, during a ceremony honoring the Super Bowl XLV Champion Green Bay Packers, Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington.

By JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Welcoming the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers to the White House was

no easy task for President Barack Obama.

The president is a die-hard fan of the Packers' rivals, the Chicago Bears, the team Green Bay beat in

last year's conference championship game to move on to the Super Bowl. "I'm just gonna come out and say it," Obama said. "This hurts a little bit. This is a hard thing for a Bears fan to do. It doesn't hurt as much as the NFC championship game hurt, but it still hurts." But in the spirit of sportsmanship, the president welcomed the Packers and some of their fans to the White House Friday. He praised the team for overcoming a slew of injuries throughout the season as they marched toward their fourth Super Bowl victory. And he recognized their work in the Green Bay community, citing their millions of dollars raised for charity, scholarships given to local students and support of service members and their families.

The Packers visit to the

White House had been delayed because of the National Football League lockout, which ended last month. Obama singled out Packers cornerback Charles Woodson — but not for his skill on the football field. When Obama traveled to Wisconsin in January, just before the Super Bowl, he received several Packers gifts, including a jersey signed by Woodson that read: "See you at the White House. Go Packers." "Charles, you're a man of your word," Obama said Friday during a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House. The players then presented Obama not only with a personalized Packers jersey, but also a certificate for a share in the team. The Packers are publicly owned, and more than 100,000 stockholders hold

shares in the team. Once he was made a part owner, the president had some suggestions for the team; namely, trading their quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers to his beloved Bears. No word on how that suggestion was playing in Obama's hometown, and with Bears quarterback Jay Cutler — but the White House moved later in the day to give Obama cover. White House spokesman Adam Abrams released a statement saying that Obama was actually looking for Rodgers to play as backup quarterback. "The president understands the value of having a reliable backup QB — and would make it more likely that he could greet the Bears at a similar ceremony at the White House next year," Abrams said. □

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A 4-for-4 Pujols powers Cardinals past Brewers

NL Roundup

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis' Albert Pujols began a 4-for-4 night with a solo homer and the Cardinals went on to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-2 on Thursday to close the gap in the National League Central race. St. Louis pulled within four games of division-leading Milwaukee, which has won 13 of 15. The Cardinals are the only team to beat the Brewers during their hot streak.

Pujols entered with just five hits in 42 at-bats against the Brewers. He ended that slide with a drive in the first against Yovani Gallardo (13-8), tying him with teammate Lance Berkman for the NL lead with 28 homers. Pujols added two singles against Gallardo, who last-ed just five innings.

Cardinals starter Chris Carpenter (8-8) shut out the Brewers after they scored twice in the first.

Reds 2, Rockies 1

In Cincinnati, two runs in the first inning proved enough for Cincinnati in the win over Colorado.

Cincinnati starter Johnny Cueto (8-5) —taken out of his previous start early due to a stomach upset

— bounced back to pitch seven shutout innings. He took over the NL ERA lead, lowering his mark from 2.06 to 1.94.

He struck out a season-high nine, including Carlos Gonzalez with the bases loaded to end the fifth inning.

Reds closer Francisco Cordero allowed a leadoff homer in the ninth, then earned his 22nd save in 27 chances.

Rockies starter Jhoulys Chacin (9-9) pitched eight innings, allowing six hits and tying his season high with nine strikeouts.

Padres 3, Mets 2

In New York, Cameron Maybin homered and stole two bases before scoring the tiebreaking run on an error, giving San Diego victory over New York.

Padres reliever Chad Qualls (6-6) worked a perfect seventh inning to take the win and Heath Bell pitched a perfect ninth.

With the Mets short on available relievers, starter Jonathan Niese (11-9) matched his career high with 122 pitches, but could not hold an early 2-0 lead.

Cubs 4, Nationals 3

In Chicago, Aramis Ramirez and Carlos Pena hit back-to-back homers to lead Chicago over Washington.

Ramirez's two-run shot in the seventh was his 21st of the season, and gave him 16 homers since June 25, top in the major leagues in that period.

Pena followed with a drive that curled around the pole in right field and exited the stadium, putting the Cubs up 4-1.

Chicago starter Ryan Dempster (10-8) limited Washington to a first-inning home run and went seven innings.

Washington loaded the bases and scored a run in the ninth against Carlos Marmol, but he recovered to get his 26th save.

Nationals starter Jordan Zimmermann (7-10) allowed four runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Diamondbacks 8, Astros 5, 10 innings

In Phoenix, Chris Young hit a game-ending three-run homer in the 10th inning, sending Arizona to a dramatic victory over Houston.

The Astros were one strike away from wrapping up a 5-3 victory before pinch-hitter Paul Goldschmidt belted a tying two-run shot. Ryan Roberts and Justin Upton led off the 10th with consecutive singles off Jeff Fulchino (1-4). Sergio Escalona came in and retired



St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols, left, scores on a wild pitch by Milwaukee Brewers starting pitcher Yovani Gallardo, right, during the fifth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, in St. Louis.

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Miguel Montero before Young hit a drive to right for his sixth career game-ending homer.

J.J. Putz (2-2) pitched a scoreless 10th inning for the NL West-leading Diamondbacks, who moved a full game ahead of idle San

Francisco with their third consecutive victory.

In other NL games it was San Diego 3, N.Y. Mets 2; Cincinnati 2, Colorado 1; Chicago Cubs 4, Washington 3; St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 2; and Arizona 8, Houston 5, 10 innings. □



Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska celebrates defeating Germany's Andrea Petkovic 6-4 6-3 during the Rogers Cup women's tennis tournament Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, in Toronto.

Associated Press

Stosur, Azarenka, Radwanska reach Toronto semis

TORONTO (AP) — Samantha Stosur defeated Roberta Vinci 6-4, 6-1 Friday to reach the semifinals of the Rogers Cup.

The 11th-ranked Australian broke Vinci's serve while leading 5-4 in the first set to take the opener at the Rexall Centre. Stosur then poured it on against the 22nd-ranked Italian in the second to move into the semis in convincing fashion. "As the match went on, I obviously probably grew in confidence, and then you get that bit of a lead with a buffer of a couple breaks and felt like I could maybe start going for a bit more," Stosur said. "I went for some big ones and it paid off." Stosur will take on Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska, who beat No. 11 Andrea Petkovic of Germany 6-4, 6-3.

"Semifinals, you've got to believe that anything is possible," Stosur said. "Having said that, from semifinals to winning the tournament, there's a still a long way to go, but I think in this position you've got to. If you don't, then it's probably a little bit silly."

Also, fourth-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus made quick work of No. 135 Galina Voskoboeva of Kazakhstan with a 6-1, 6-2 victory. □

AL Roundup

Cano grand slam lifts Yankees over Angels

NEW YORK (AP) — Robinson Cano hit a grand slam and the New York Yankees held on in a nervous finish to beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-5 in the American League on Thursday.

Curtis Granderson made up for hitting into two double plays by getting a tying two-run homer in the sixth for the Yankees, and Cano then capitalized upon an Angels error with two outs in the seventh inning, going long to give the hosts a four-run buffer.

However veteran New York closer Mariano Rivera gave up a three-run homer with the first pitch in the ninth, threatening to hand Rivera a hat trick of blown saves, but he recovered to get the final two outs for his 30th save of the season.

Angels reliever Fernando Rodney (2-4) gave up two walks in the seventh for the loss.

Tigers 4, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Detroit avoided a sweep by Cleveland, eking out its AL Central division lead to three games.

Tigers starter Justin Verlander (17-5) allowed three hits and struck out 10 in seven innings to earn career win No. 100 and become the first pitcher to reach 17 wins this season.

Detroit ended a 13-game losing streak in Cleveland



New York Yankees' Robinson Cano follows through on a grand slam in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels at Yankee Stadium in New York, Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011.

Associated Press

and kept its nose ahead in the AL Central race.

The teams will play 10 more times this season, including a season-ending three-game series in Detroit.

Tigers closer Jose Valverde earned his 33rd straight save this year, breaking the single-season team record set by Willie Hernandez in 1984.

Indians starter Fausto Carmona (5-12) took the loss.

Rays 4, Royals 1

In St. Petersburg, Tampa Bay completed a four-game sweep of Kansas City.

Rays starter Jeff Niemann (7-4) won his sixth consecutive decision, allowing one run over 6-1/3 innings. He is

6-0 since returning from a back strain.

Ben Zobrist had a two-run triple for the Rays, who got their first four-game home sweep since 2005 — also against Kansas City.

Royals rookie starter Danny Duffy (3-6) gave up three runs over seven innings.

Athletics 10, Blue Jays 3

In Toronto, Conor Jackson drove in three runs as Oakland cruised past Toronto.

Oakland failed to hit a home run for the first time in nine games but did not need one, with Hideki Matsui getting four singles.

Hitting a disappointing .209 at the All Star break, the Japanese has since raised

his average to .268.

Oakland starter Guillermo Moscoso (5-6) allowed one earned run in six innings to take the win.

Toronto's Brad Mills (1-2) got the loss.

White Sox 6, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Mark Buehrle pitched eight solid innings to guide Chicago to a comfortable win over Baltimore.

Buehrle (10-5) gave up six hits, struck out six and walked none. He has allowed three runs or fewer in 18 straight starts, matching the club record set by Frank Smith in 1909.

Buehrle is 4-0 in his past five starts, and his run of 11 straight seasons with at least 10 wins is a franchise record.

White Sox closer Sergio Santos set a major league record by starting the season with 25 straight scoreless appearances on the road, breaking the mark set by Mariano Rivera in 2005. He has a 30-game scoreless run on the road over two seasons.

Alexei Ramirez homered in Chicago's four-run first inning.

Orioles starter Chris Tillman (3-5) didn't get an out until his 20th pitch and ended up giving up six runs in 2 2-3 innings. □

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Fish cruised through the final set to reach his fifth tournament semifinal of the year. It's a big improvement for Fish at the Rogers Cup, where he didn't win a match in previous visits in 2003 and 2008.

"It's certainly nice to play on those courts because they are pretty quick, and they do suit my game very well," Fish said. "I can kind of get away with not playing great tennis but still winning."

He will face Tipsarevic, who Fish was beaten three times in their four meetings. Tsonga will

take on the winner of a later match between top-ranked Novak Djokovic and Gael Monfils.

It will be a first trip to the semifinals of a Masters Series event for the 27-year-old Tipsarevic, whose performance this week will also put him into the top 20 of the world rankings for the first time. Tipsarevic is currently ranked 24th.

"It means a lot, it was a goal," Tipsarevic said of his improved ranking. "My goals this season were to finish the year top 20 and to win an ATP title."

"The second thing didn't happen for me yet, even though I was close already two times this year (losing finals at Del Ray beach, Fla., and at Eastbourne). I'm



Janko Tipsarevic from Serbia, tosses the ball to serve to Tomas Berdych from the Czech Republic, during a quarterfinals match at the Rogers Cup men's tennis tournament Friday, Aug. 12, 2011 in Montreal.

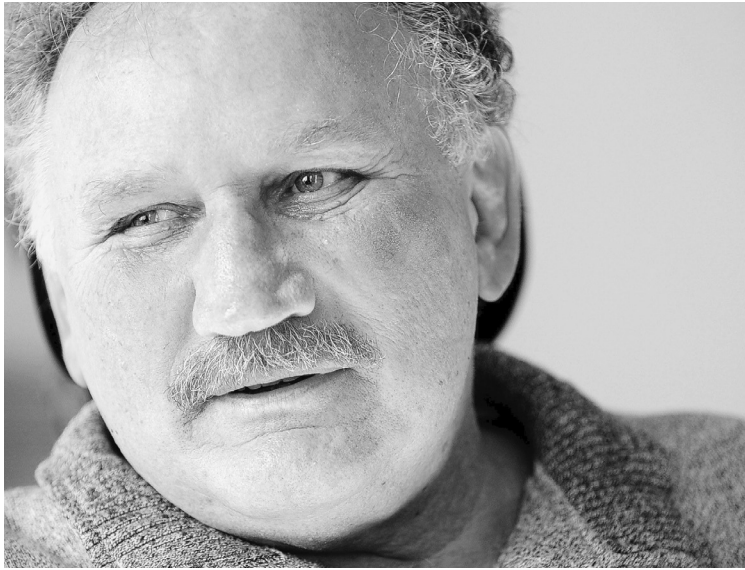
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happy that the first thing is happening."

Former world No. 1s Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer

and defending champion Andy Murray were knocked out in earlier rounds. □

Ex-heavyweight contender Scott LeDoux dies at 62



In a Nov. 9, 2009 photo, former heavyweight boxer and Anoka County commissioner Scott LeDoux talks about his boxing career, how he met his wife Carol and other subjects during an interview with the Pioneer Press. LeDoux died, Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, at his Coon Rapids home after battling ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease.

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COON RAPIDS, Minnesota (AP) — Scott LeDoux, a former heavyweight contender who took on Larry Holmes, George Foreman and Ken Norton and twice fought for the title, has died. He was 62.

He died Thursday at his home in the Minneapolis suburb of Coon Rapids after a nearly three-year battle with Lou Gehrig's disease, longtime friend and attorney Bob Dolan told The Associated Press on Friday. Nicknamed "The Fighting Frenchman," LeDoux was the son of a miner in the northern Minnesota town of Crosby who went on to fight professionally from 1974 to 1983. He had a record of 33-13-4 record, with 22 knockouts.

He earned a draw with Norton and Leon Spinks and lost a title fight to Holmes by technical knockout in 1980 at the Met Center, the arena that was once home to the Minnesota North Stars.

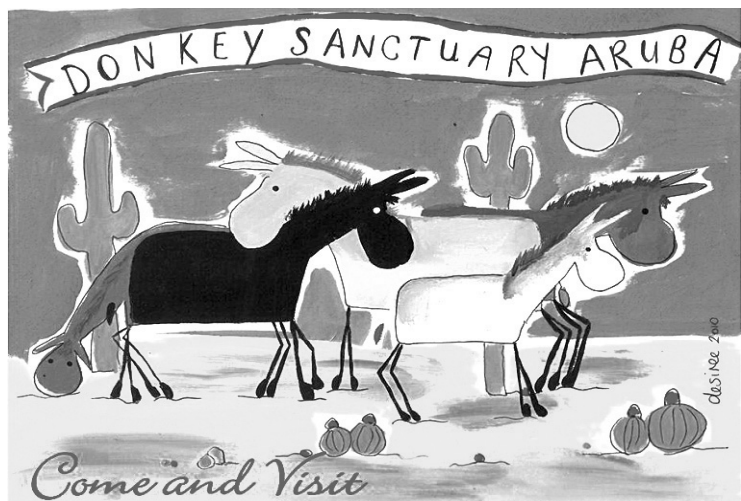
He fought Muhammad Ali in a five-round exhibition.

LeDoux developed a reputation as a fun-loving fighter, who once accidentally knocked off Howard Cosell's toupee while the sportscaster won doing a ringside interview with Johnny Boudreaux after a bout LeDoux believed he should have won.

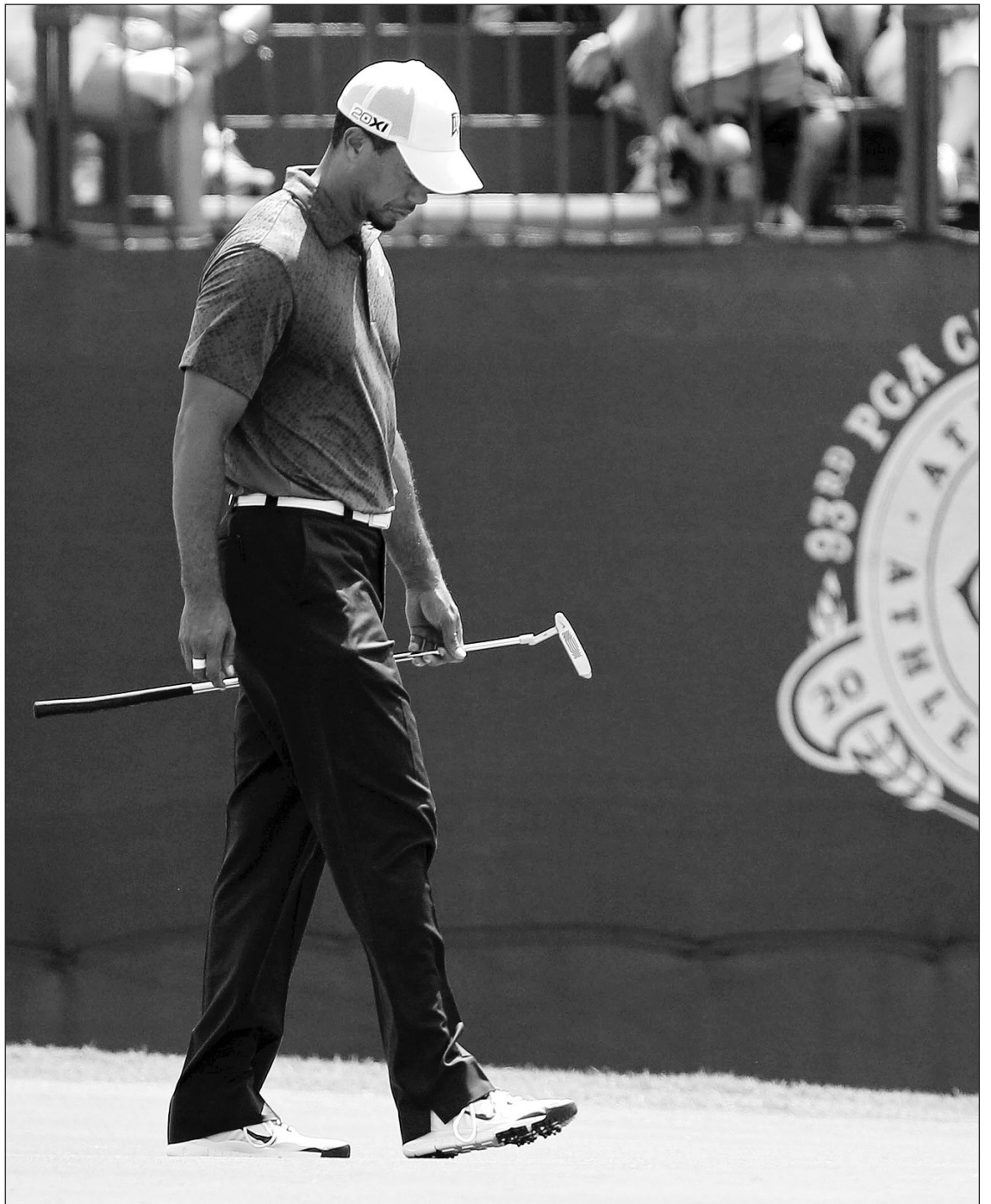
He entered the political arena after leaving boxing. He was an Anoka County commissioner until resigning a year ago because of declining health. His wife was elected to fill his seat.

"He was a big man with a gentle spirit," said Anoka County board of commissioners chair Rhonda Sivrajah. "I can only imagine the sadness at losing someone so special after such a valiant battle."

LeDoux was a two-time Upper Midwest Golden Gloves champion and played college football at Minnesota Duluth. □



Woods misses PGA cut



Tiger Woods reacts after missing a birdie putt on the sixth hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

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PAUL NEWBERRY
AP National Writer

JOHNS CREEK, Georgia

(AP) — Tiger Woods' stunning downfall reached another low on Friday when he missed the cut at the PGA Championship. The player who once dominated golf headed home after shooting a 10-over 150 at Atlanta Athletic Club.

On a day when the unlikely names of Keegan Bradley and Jason Dufner moved to the top of a tightly packed leaderboard, it was Woods' woes that became the major focus, with fans left to wonder at the rapid unravelling of a career because of personal failings and a broken game.

Consecutive double-bo-

geys at the 11th and 12th holes ruined any hopes he had of making it to the weekend. He finished with a 3-over 73 on the heels of an opening-round 77.

"I hit 20 bunkers in two days. I had four or five water balls," Woods said. "That's not going to add up to a very good score."

Woods finished in appropriate fashion at the 18th, putting his tee shot in the bunker, his second shot in the water and finishing with a bogey. He was projected to miss the cut by a staggering six shots.

Woods was on the sideline for three months — missing the last two majors — because of an injured leg. He returned a week ago at Firestone, proclaiming him-

self fully fit and ready to go for his 15th major title.

He wound up missing the cut in one of golf's biggest events for only the third time in his professional career, following the 2006 U.S. Open at Winged Foot (shortly after the death of his father) and the British Open at Turnberry two years ago.

Now, he'll be dropping out of public view again for another long layoff. He won't attempt to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoff, so his next tournament will be in November when he heads to Australia.

His next shot at a major is eight months away, at the Masters.

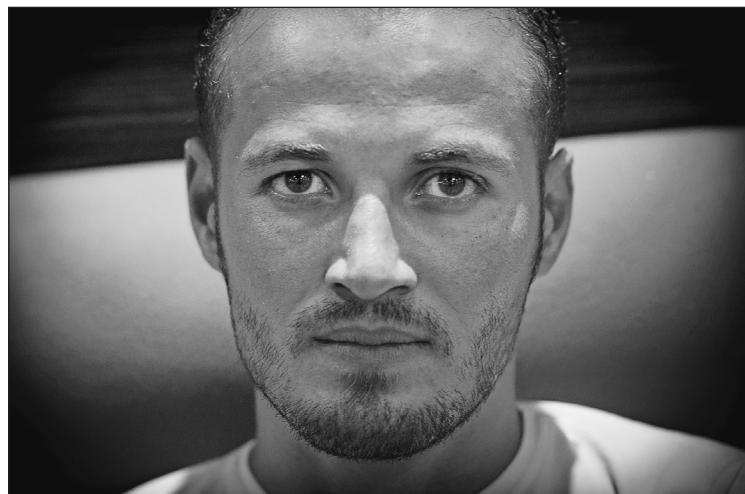
"I get some time off again," Woods said. □

Libyan with AIDS virus looks to post-Gadhafi era

SERGEY PONOMAREV

Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — Libya's uprising has given Wael Busnina, who for more than a decades has lived with the HIV virus, a bit of hope for an end to isolation.



an leader Moammar Gadhafi accused five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor of deliberately infecting the children. The medics were arrested, tortured into confessions and eventually sentenced to death, though interna-

(AP Photo/Sergey Ponomarev)

Busnina, 27, was among 400 children infected with the virus that causes AIDS in 1998 while he was hospitalized at Benghazi's El-Fatih hospital. The regime of Liby-

tional experts blamed unhygienic conditions at the hospital for the infections. After years of wrangling with Europe, Libya released the six in 2007 and they flew

to Bulgaria, retracting their confessions.

The children themselves were little heard from. Busnina says he spent life as a pariah. When he tested positive for HIV, his uncle — who had been living in the same home as his family — moved away, and friends began to shun him. Kept in an isolated section of the hospital during his school years, he attempted suicide three times.

He got into university but was branded with the nickname "AIDS." There was harassment from the regime, as secret police kept a close eye on him and others with the virus and tried to pressure them to leave Libya.

The hold of Gadhafi's regime over Benghazi and much of eastern Libya ended with the start of the rebellion in February.

With the sign of Libyans demanding greater freedoms, Busnina says he realized "not all people are bad." So he has started a new association of those with HIV — the "injected," they call themselves, rather than the "infected" — to advocate society's acceptance and protection from discrimination. □



Somali pregnant woman, who is suffering from diarrhea, is lying on old shattered mattress in IDPs Camp in Mogadishu, Somalia, Friday, Aug. 12, 2011. World Health Organization officials said Friday that famine-hit Somalia faces a cholera epidemic as dirty water and poor sanitation are leading to an increase in outbreaks of the disease. World Health Organization officials said Friday that famine-hit Somalia faces a cholera epidemic as dirty water and poor sanitation are leading to an increase in outbreaks of the disease.

(AP Photo)

UN says cholera epidemic in Somalia

JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — World Health Organization officials said Friday that famine-hit Somalia faces a cholera epidemic as dirty water and poor sanitation are leading to an increase in outbreaks of the disease. Officials say cases of acute watery diarrhea — an important indicator of the risk of cholera — are now at 4,272 in Somalia — an 11 percent rise on last week's WHO reported figure of 3,839.

WHO public health adviser Dr. Michel Yao told reporters in Geneva on Friday that the number of cholera cases has also risen sharply this year, with officials confirming 18 cases in the 30 lab samples taken in recent days from people living in the capital, Mogadishu. Yao said the 60 percent infection rate confirms there is a "high risk" of the disease spreading quickly — "so we can say we have an epidemic."

The random samples, which were tested in a lab in the capital, were drawn from among 4,272 samples from people who have suffered the diarrhea, he said.

So far, he said, there have been 181 acute watery diarrhea-related deaths.

WHO spokeswoman Fadela Chaib said last week that a few cases of cholera have been confirmed in Somalia and the diarrhea is also on the rise. She said of the 3,839 reported cases, 77 percent afflicted children younger than 5-years old in Mogadishu.

The World Health Organization has said it is very concerned about disease outbreaks in drought-hit East Africa, due to a lack of clean water for drinking and bathing, overcrowding in camps and the low tolerance to disease of starving young children.

The United States estimates drought and famine in Somalia have killed more than 29,000 children under the age of 5. Millions face the risk of starvation amid Somalia's worst drought in 60 years.

UNICEF spokeswoman Marixie Mercado said Friday that tens of thousands of children have died and countless more are particularly at risk of cholera and other diseases because of drought and violence in East Africa. □

BU Biolab may start research this fall

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A controversial Boston University laboratory building that has stood empty since construction finished in 2008 may open this fall to biomedical research involving pathogens less hazardous than those that sparked opposition to the project.

BU officials plan to announce Thursday that they will seek a waiver from the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to begin work on biosafety level-2 research — defined by the federal government as "involving agents that pose moderate hazards to personnel and the environment." The university initially plans to do experiments with the

bacteria that cause tuberculosis. For years, the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories — a high-security biolab designed to allow scientists to conduct research on the world's deadliest germs, such as Ebola and plague — has been tied up by legal challenges and regulatory reviews.

BU is not abandoning plans to open portions of the building, located on its medical campus in the South End, as a biosafety level-4 laboratory. That project is undergoing an environmental safety review by the National Institutes of Health.

"There's an environmental risk assessment process underway, which we feel very

strongly about waiting for its outcome. It's important that process be continued, be thorough," said Stephen Burgay, senior vice president for external affairs at BU. "The resolution of that is sometime down the road," he added, and meanwhile, "it makes sense to put this lower safety level space to use rather than to let it sit there empty."

In a statement, the university noted that obtaining the waiver would allow it to apply for permits to do biosafety level-3 research, which requires more protective practices and involves "agents that may cause serious or potentially lethal disease" through inhalation exposure, according to the federal government. □

Google adds games in its latest move on Facebook

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Internet search leader Google Inc. is bringing a little more gamesmanship to its duel with Facebook. Just like they have been doing for years on Facebook's website, Web surfers will now be able to play games with their friends and family on Google's blossoming social networking service.

Google's expansion into games, announced Thursday, had been expected since the company unveiled its "Plus" networking service in late June. The service is being groomed to be an alternative to Facebook's popular hangout.

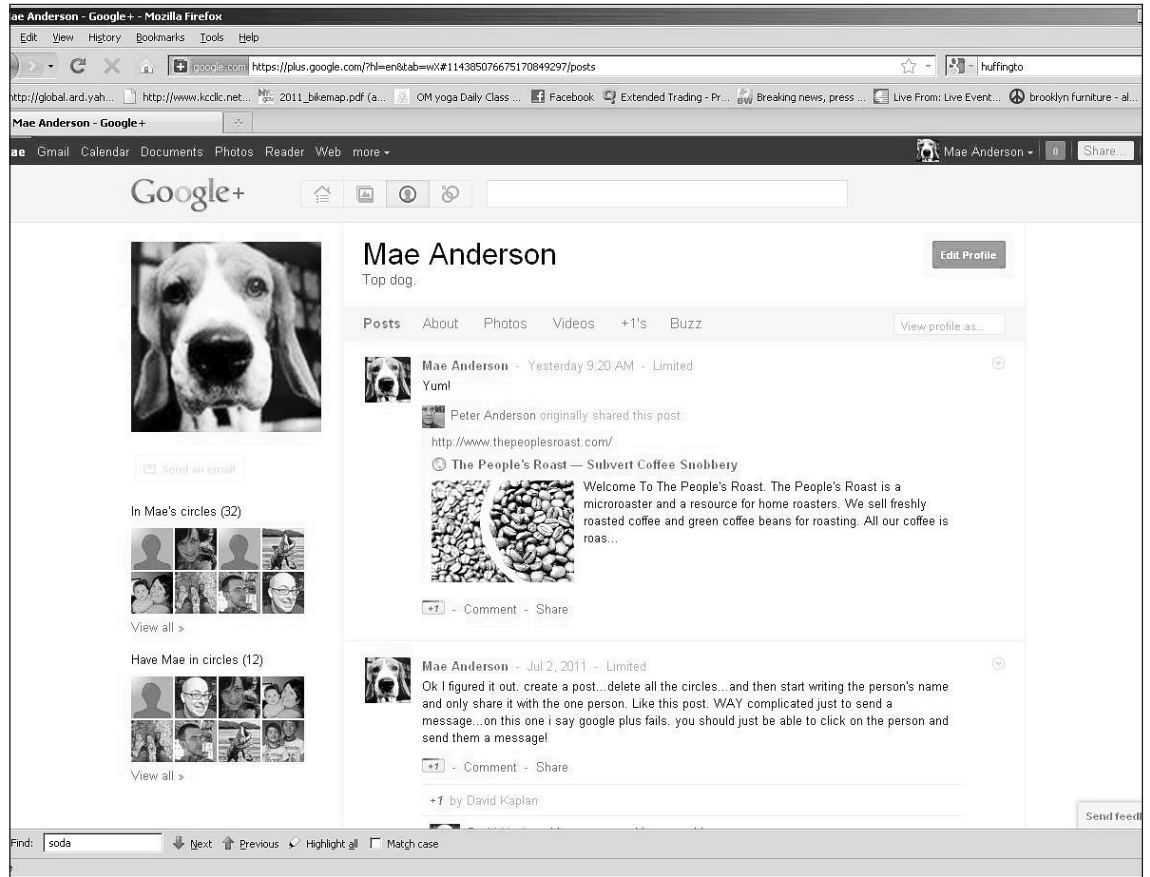
By adding games to Plus, Google hopes to give its fledgling network's more than 25 million users a reason to come to the service more frequently and stay

longer once they're there.

The strategy has worked well at Facebook, where games requiring players to fill the roles of farmers, mob bosses and card sharks have attracted obsessive followings among its more than 750 million users.

Determined to protect its turf, Facebook unveiled its latest game features just a few hours after Google issued its challenge. The new tools will make it easier for Facebook users to bookmark their favorite games and keep track of what their friends are playing. Players will also be given the option of filling their entire computer screen with some of the games designed for Facebook.

Facebook's top games are provided by Zynga Inc., a 4-year-old company hoping to sell its stock in an initial public offering this fall. Google is one of Zynga's



This screen shot shows a page from Google Plus. As the online world turns social with Facebook leading the way, Google's new Plus service represents its best shot yet at muscling into a market that has threatened to topple the Internet search leader

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Orion spaceship set for new tests in Colorado

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Associated Press

DENVER (AP) —

A spaceship that could carry the next wave of astronauts to an asteroid or beyond is being prepared for a new round of tests at a Lockheed Martin facility near Denver. Engineers have attached a launch-abort system to the nose of the capsule and will subject the combined spacecraft to a series of experiments to see if it can withstand the rigors of blastoff, Lockheed Martin said Friday.

The launch-abort system, essentially a rocket attached to the nose of the capsule, could lift the capsule off its booster rocket and carry it to safety if a problem developed before or during launch.

Lockheed Martin, of Bethesda, Maryland, is building the capsule, called the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle, under a \$7.5 billion NASA contract issued in 2006.

The capsule was originally part of President George



Engineers Chet Graham, left, and Tom Byers, right, attach a collar to the escape vehicle on the Orion spacecraft at the Lockheed Martin facility in Denver on Friday, Aug. 12, 2011. They will use it to move the assembled craft to a testing chamber where it will be submitted to vibration testing.

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W. Bush's \$100 billion program to return astronauts to the moon, called Constellation. President Barack Obama canceled the program last year, saying the U.S. would concentrate on developing new rocket technology instead.

Obama then revived the Orion portion of the pro-

gram amid criticism that his plan lacked details and put U.S. space leadership at risk.

Orion doesn't yet have a destination. NASA has said it could service the space station in low Earth orbit or take four astronauts on more distant missions of up to 21 days. □

investors, according to IPO documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The papers don't specify the size Google's stake in Zynga, which is based in San Francisco.

The investment evidently wasn't enough to buy Google access to Zynga's best-known games. The initial games on Plus include a poker game made by Zynga. Plus also will feature the "Angry Birds" game that so far has been played mostly on phones. The gaming option will gradually start appearing within the accounts of Plus' users.

But people who want to play other Zynga titles such as FarmVille, CityVille and Empires & Allies will still have to go to Facebook.

Zynga and Facebook are already financially wedded to each other. Zynga gets most of its revenue from Facebook, which requires games on its site to use its payment system to sell the various items that can be used to playing more fun. Facebook keeps 30 percent of the revenue from Zynga's games.

Although the games may seem frivolous, they are

emerging as a serious business. Zynga earned more than \$90 million on revenue of nearly \$600 million last year and the company is growing even faster this year as the number of people playing its games surpassed 230 million. In March, Zynga estimated its market value at \$11 billion after hiring an expert to appraise its business, according to documents filed Thursday.

Google's expansion into Web games could cause headaches for Zynga. In its IPO documents, Zynga says it could be hurt if Google or other larger companies such as Microsoft Corp. and Amazon.com Inc. get into the Web game market. Google mainly wants to undercut Facebook with Plus. The reason: As people spend more time and share more insights about themselves on its website, Facebook becomes an increasingly attractive advertising option. The trend poses a threat to Google because its search engine can't index most of the information on Facebook and its own revenue growth could slow if more online advertising shifts to Facebook. □

Dow finishes wild week on an up note

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NEW YORK (AP) — The wild-

est week on Wall Street since the financial crisis in 2008 ended with a second day of gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished Friday with a gain of 125 points. Most other times it would have been a fairly big day. By this week's standards, it was a sleeper. Friday capped a week when the blue-chip index had four 400-point swings in a row for the first time in its 115-year history. Trading was frantic across financial markets all week. The yield on the 10-year

Treasury note hit a record low. Gold briefly topped \$1,800 per ounce. Nearly every one of the 500 stocks that make up the Standard & Poor's 500 index ended down midweek.

"It was a sharp and violent week in the stock market, but it's my sense that the worst is over," said Michael Kaufler, a portfolio manager at Federated Investors. Investors reacted to every scrap of news and each whispered rumor. A credit downgrade for the U.S.. Concerns about European bank solvency. Fears of a possible new recession in the U.S. Word that the Federal Reserve would keep



John Santiago works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, Aug. 12, 2011.

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Exxon stays ahead of Apple as top U.S. co.

NEW YORK (AP) — Exxon ended the week holding the title of the most valuable company in America after earlier being passed by Apple. Exxon Mobil Corp. shares rose 42 cents Friday to \$72, although still down for the week. The oil company now has a market capitalization of \$350.1 billion, compared with Apple's \$349.5 billion. Shares of Apple Inc., which



In this July 21, 2011 photo, a window washer works atop the cube-like structure of glass that houses the Apple Store showroom in the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

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makes the iPhone and iPad, rose \$3.29 to \$376.99.

Apple first surpassed Exxon on Tuesday afternoon, but settled at No. 2 by the time the stock market closed. On Wednesday it kept the top spot after the close, with a market cap of \$337 billion versus Exxon's \$331 billion. Exxon, which had held the top spot since 2005, regained it Thursday, helped by 3.4 percent increase in the price of oil.

Oil ended 34 cents lower Friday at \$85.38. It's down 10.5 percent for the quarter.

Many analysts can understand why investors may view Apple as the more valuable company.

Exxon's growth is tied to the price of oil and to the discovery of new oil sources. Apple, meanwhile, is limited only by innovation and ongoing demand for its products. That demand, for now, seems insatiable. Apple also has room to grow, since it commands just a small fraction of the smartphone and personal computer markets.

Exxon shares are still down 11.5 percent since June 30, a time period when oil prices have also dropped 10 percent. Apple shares have gained 12.3 percent in the same time frame. □

interest rates low for two more years because of slowing growth. A positive retail sales report. Strong earnings from a technology bellwether. Better unemployment news.

The Dow dropped 634 points Monday, its sixth-worst point drop ever, as investors responded to Standard & Poor's withdrawal of the country's AAA credit rating. It was the first downgrade of U.S. government debt in history. The Dow rose 429 points Tuesday, only to plunge 519 points Wednesday. It surged 423 points on Thursday following a better than expected drop in new applications for unemployment benefits. A rebound in retail sales in July pushed the stock market higher Friday as traders looked past a Reuters/University of Michigan survey that found that consumers were pessimistic about their own finances and the economy. The measure of consumer sentiment fell to a 30-year low. It was the first time since early July that the Dow and S&P index rose for two consecutive days. Normally, such a bad consumer survey would have pushed shares sharply lower for the day, said Quincy Krosby, an investment strategist with Prudential Financial.

"But these are not normal times," she said. Market volatility cuts both ways, sending shares way up or way down, Krosby noted. That can cause stock prices to

defy economic data.

The strong retail sales added to other bits of more positive data about the economy. The government said last week that hiring picked up slightly in July after two dismal months, though employers still are adding jobs too slowly to significantly reduce unemployment. A Thursday report showed applications for unemployment benefits fell to a four-month low. Some analysts believe recently announced layoffs will cause that number to rise in the coming weeks. Companies that rely on an expanding economy for profits led the Dow higher. Boeing Co., Hewlett-Packard Co., and United Technologies Corp. each rose by 4 percent or more.

A separate government report on Friday showed that businesses increased their stockpiles of everything from raw materials to retail products for the 18th month in a row. Growing inventories are usually a sign of business confidence. But in June Americans cut their spending for the first time in nearly two years. If the market's gyrations spook consumers further, people might spend even less just as retailers stock up for the crucial holiday season.

"We are at a turning point," said Bill Hampel, chief economist for the Credit Union National Association. "If the stock market continues to be volatile next week, I would expect a pretty se-

rious effect on consumer confidence."

The Dow finished Friday with a gain of 125.71 points, or 1.1 percent, to 11,269.02. It finished the week down 1.5 percent after being down as much as 6.3 percent for the week.

The broader S&P 500 index rose 6.17 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,178.81. It finished with a the week down 1.7 percent. The technology-focused Nasdaq composite rose 15.30, or 0.6 percent, to 2,507.98. It lost 1 percent for the week.

All three major stock indexes are now down more than 10 percent from their April highs. That is a big enough drop to signify what traders call a market correction. A drop of more than 20 percent signifies a bear market, a period of sustained losses.

The markets huge swings reminded many on Wall Street of the week of October 13-17, 2008, which came at the height of the financial crisis. The Dow started that week with a gain of 936 points, its largest one-day point gain ever. Two days later, it fell 733 points when it looked like the U.S. economy was headed for a recession.

Financial stocks continued to slide Friday. Investment bank Morgan Stanley fell 7 percent amid concerns about U.S. banks' exposure to the financial crisis in Europe and lawsuits related to poor-quality mortgage securities sold before the financial crisis of 2008. □

Shoppers lift economy but will they keep spending?

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy might not be on the brink of another recession after all.

Consumers, who drive most economic growth, spent more on cars, furniture, electronics and other goods in July — and more in May and June than previously thought. That burst of activity is encouraging because it shows many Americans were willing to spend despite high unemployment, scant pay raises, steep gas prices and diminished wealth.

If it keeps up, the economy might rebound after growing at an annual rate of just 0.8 percent in the first half of 2011.

That's a big if.

Whether Americans remain willing to spend freely despite the stock markets' wild swings will determine whether the second half of the year is any better than the first. Their retirement accounts have shrunk. Even with the Dow Jones industrial average's 125-point gain Friday, the Dow is down about 11 percent since July 21.

A sustained stock-market decline tends to slow consumer spending because it reduces wealth, especially for upper-income Americans. The richest 10 percent of Americans own 80 percent of stocks. And the richest 20 percent drive about 40 percent of consumer spending, analysts say.

That loss of wealth may help explain a report Friday that consumer sentiment hit a 31-year low in August. The Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan's survey, completed early this week, showed that market turmoil and the political strife over raising the federal debt ceiling rattled consumers.

"The fact that retail sales held up over the last few months ... is a positive economic development," said Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank. "However, the true test will be to see if consumer activity held up in the face of recent financial market gyrations and slumping economic confidence. So the August data will be of much greater significance."

Worries about the markets and the economy already seem to have caused some shoppers to pull back. The

International Council of Shopping Centers-Goldman Sachs index, which tracks revenue at stores open at least a year, has shown two straight weekly declines.

Claire Sanders Swift, a Washington media consultant, said that after the stock market plunged, she "sent her baby sitter home early and called her broker." "I keep trying to remind myself we've been through this rodeo before," she said early this week. "The fear is making me not want to spend."

It's a pivotal moment for the nation's retailers. They're in the midst of back-to-school season and are planning for Christmas sales. Together, the two shopping seasons represent up to half their annual revenue.

Retailers are concerned that the weak economy and stock market turmoil could cause shoppers to retreat as they did when the financial crisis hit in 2008. Back then, spending plunged so much that some retailers slashed prices up to 80 percent just to draw shoppers to stores. Others sold jewelry and clothing to liquidators for pennies on the dollar. Some went out



In this Aug. 4, 2011 file photo, shoppers, carrying their purchases, pass H&M, in New York. Consumers spent more on autos, furniture and gasoline in July, pushing up retail sales by the largest amount in four months. The gain could signal that Americans are a little more confident and help dispell fears that the country is in danger of toppling into another recession.

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of business.

This time, retailers seem better prepared. They've kept inventories lean to avoid being stuck with huge piles of marked-down products. Jeff Landis of Chicago-based Montopoli Custom

Clothiers said because business has been quiet the past few weeks, he's decided to delay stocking up on fabric for custom suits for fall. And Geoff Stern, owner of Toy Professor, a toy store in Summit, New Jersey, said sales this week were down about 25 percent from a typical August week.

Until late this week, a batch of poor economic data and a gloomy outlook from the Federal Reserve set off fears that the economy might be about to slide into another recession. That threat appears to have diminished. But it's hardly gone away.

Still overhanging the financial markets and the U.S. economy is concern that Europe's debt crisis will spread through the U.S. financial system. Investors worry that Italy and Spain, two of Europe's biggest economies, might be unable to pay all their debts. If they couldn't, big European banks that hold huge amounts of government debt would be at risk of failure. That possibility, in turn, could harm many large U.S. banks with close relationships with their European counterparts. □

Advertising slowing down with economy uncertain

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — While many U.S. businesses have been searching for signs of an economic recovery, big media conglomerates were enjoying a robust revival — until quite recently. For the likes of Disney, CBS, NBCUniversal and News Corp., advertising revenue growth — which slumped during the Great Recession — had come roaring back in 2010. But now, as consumer sentiment dampens and the economy shows signs of another recession, ad revenue growth is beginning to slow again.

Two advertising agencies have cut forecasts in the past month. Media companies head into an uncertain final half of 2011, as investor worries have sent their stock prices tumbling.

"We've had this great advertising market, which everybody's been benefiting from," said Martin Pyykkonen, an analyst with media company research firm Wedge Partners. "The term I keep using is, 'Is this as good as it gets?'"

In 2010, the mid-term congressional elections generated hundreds of millions of dollars in political ad spending.

Retailers and auto companies increased their spending late last year, as well. That robustness a year ago will make it tough to show growth in the second half of this year. Economic uncertainty will make it even tougher.

When the economy slows, advertising spending by companies does as well. The deepest trough in the ad market and in media



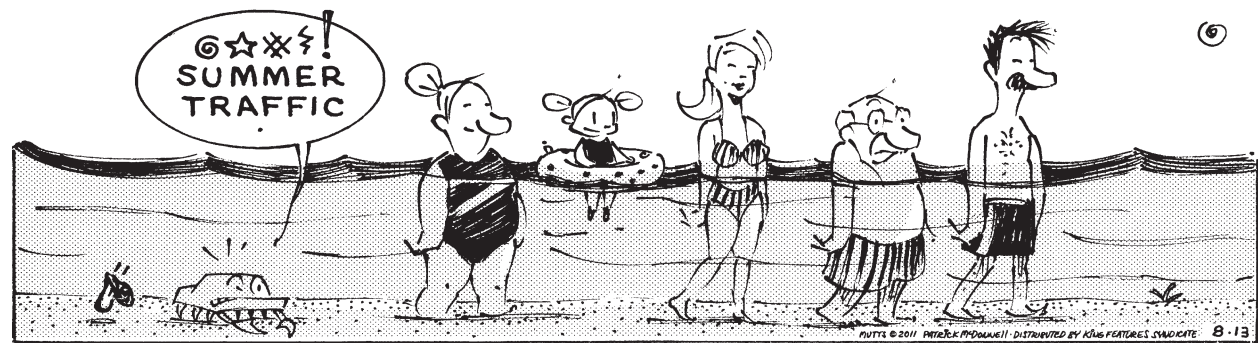
In this photo supplied by Wrap Media Group, a Budget rental car wrapped in advertising sits parked at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Wednesday, July 20, 2011. Budget Rent a Car is hoping more deal-hungry vacationers want the chance to rent cheaper vehicles _ as long as they don't mind driving a billboard. Starting in August, Budget will wrap ads for an energy booster on 25 sedans and SUVs in its Atlanta fleet.

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companies' stocks came in March 2009 as companies pulled back marketing expenditures and the U.S. economy collapsed. The

Dow Jones Media Titans 30 Index, which tracks media company stocks, hit a low of 128.81 on March 9, 2009. □

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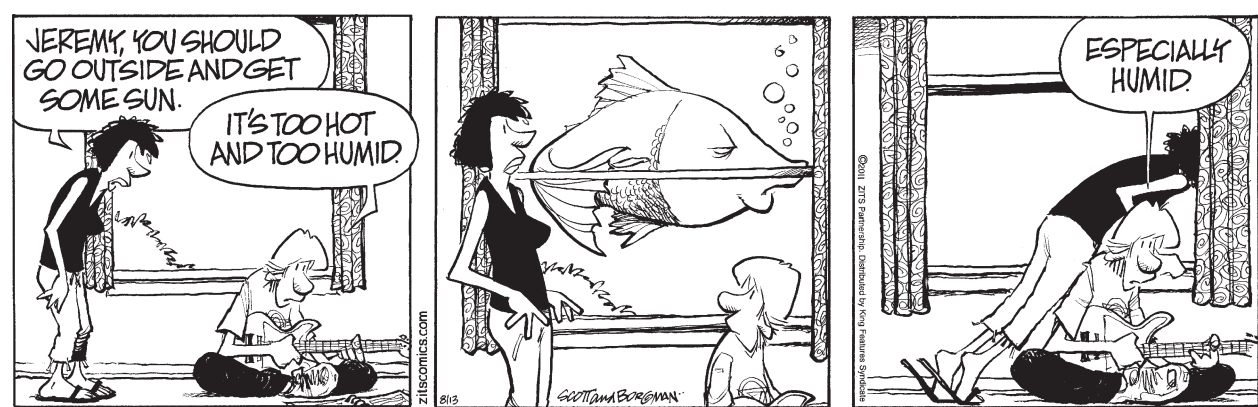
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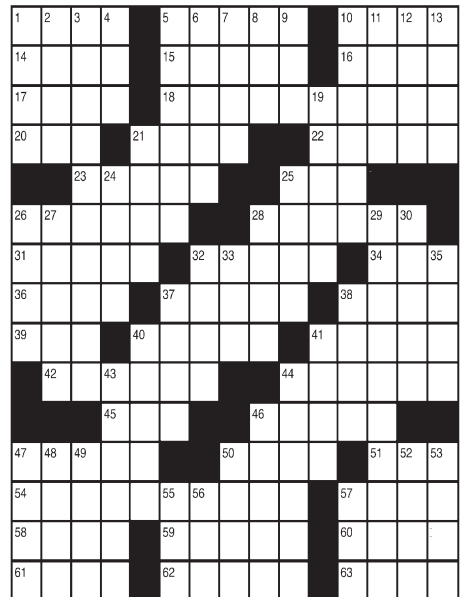
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 50 Bering and Red
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- 54 In a cruel way
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- 10 More sore
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- 35 Colony builders
- 37 Monk's hood

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- 49 Burn
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- 52 ___ Major; Great Bear
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- 56 Elected official: abbr.
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Today In History

Today is Saturday, August 13, the 225th day of 2011. There are 140 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1521 - Spaniard Hernando Cortes captures Tenochtitlan, completing the defeat of the Aztec Empire.

1624 - France's King Louis XIII names Cardinal Richelieu as first minister.

1704 - Forces of the English Duke of Marlborough and Eugene of Savoy defeat the French at Blenheim, Bavaria, driving around 18,000 soldiers to drown in the Danube and saving Vienna from the French.

1784 - Britain's India Act places East India Company under government-appointed Board of Control.

1787 - The Northwest Ordinance is enacted by U.S. Congress, outlining how the territory north of the Ohio River would be governed and how the land would evolve into states.

1788 - Prussia joins Anglo-Dutch alliance to form Triple Alliance for preserving peace in Europe.

1792 - French revolutionaries imprison France's royal family.

1814 - Britain agrees to hand back all Dutch colonial possessions including Indonesia.

1898 - U.S. forces in Philippines capture Manila from Spaniards in Spanish-American War.

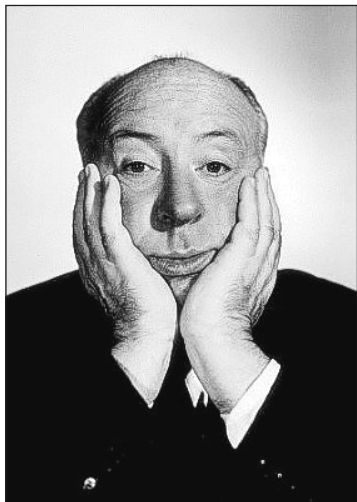
1937 - Japanese attack Chinese city of Shanghai.

1945 - World Zionist Congress demands admission of 1 million Jews to Palestine.

1961 - East Germany seals off border between East and West Berlin, closing Brandenburg Gate to halt people fleeing the country.

1970 - Iraq and Syria reaffirms their opposition to Egyptian efforts to seek a peaceful solution of the Middle East crisis.

1976 - South Africa pledges support for U.S. effort to bring about negotiated



Today is Alfred Hitchcock's birthday

settlement in Rhodesia, saying failure would invite Communist intervention.

1978 - Explosion in Palestinian building in Beirut kills about 200 people, including members of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

1983 - The Indian government starts to erect a barbed-wire fence along the entire 2,500-mile (4,000-kilometer) border with Bangladesh to prevent the entry of illegal aliens. Resentment of Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh flared into weeks of violence in which 3,000 were killed.

1990 - President Mikhail S. Gorbachev issues a decree absolving of wrongdoing the millions of victims of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin who had not been formally rehabilitated.

1993 - A six-story hotel in Thailand crashes down, killing at least 24 people, injuring about 350, and trapping dozens in the debris.

1994 - Bosnian Serb leaders rebuff a top U.N. official's plea to accept an international peace plan that would give them 49 percent of Bosnia.

1995 - Decapitated body of a Norwegian man, one of the five tourists kidnapped by a Kashmiri separatist group, is found in a village in India.

1997 - Heavy fighting rages in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, between forces of

the president and those of a former military ruler.

1998 - Rebels fighting Congolese President Laurent Kabila capture a power transformer in western Congo, sending the capital, Kinshasa, into darkness.

1999 - A gunman in Bogota shoots and kills Jaime Garzon, Colombia's most popular political satirist and an irreverent peace activist; right-wing paramilitaries are blamed.

2001 - Macedonia's rival political leaders sign a landmark peace accord aimed at ending six months of bloody conflicts and clearing the way for NATO troops to disarm ethnic Albanian rebels.

2002 - Iranian President Mohammed Khatami criticizes the U.S. campaign against terrorism, saying Washington "misused" worldwide outrage over the Sept. 11 attacks in order to "use the fight against terrorism to impose its power on other countries."

2003 - Libya and families of victims of the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland sign an agreement to pay as much as \$2.7 billion in reparations. The agreement also called for Libya to acknowledge responsibility for the bombing.

2005 - Suspected guerrillas in Colombia kill four police officers with grenades and gunfire in an ambush on a rural highway.

2006 - On his 80th birthday, Fidel Castro cautions Cubans that he faces a long recovery from surgery. His younger brother, Raul, makes a first public appearance as Cuba's interim president.

2007 - Two South Korean women kidnapped by Taliban militants in mid-July are handed over to the international Red Cross.

2008 — Mexico announces it will build a US\$1.27 billion tunnel that will be almost 39 miles (62 kilometers) long and 7 yards (meters) in diameter, to help solve

the centuries-old drainage problem of the nation's capital.

2009 - Helicopter gunships pummel a key Taliban commander's bases in Pakistan's northwest, killing at least 12 insurgents as government forces ratchet up pressure on the militants following their top leader's reported death.

2010 - Russia announces it will begin the startup next week of Iran's only atomic power plant, giving Tehran a boost as it struggles with international sanctions and highlighting differences between Moscow and Washington over pressuring the Islamic Republic to give up activities that could be used to make nuclear arms.

Today's Birthdays:

Andes Angstroem, Swedish physicist (1814-1874); Albert Sorel, French historian (1824-1906); John Logie Baird, British inventor of television (1888-1946); Alfred Hitchcock, British film director (1899-1980); Makarios III, first president of Cyprus (1913-1977); Fidel Castro, Cuban leader (1926--); Kathleen Battle, U.S. soprano (1948--); Paul Greengrass, film director (1955--).

Thought For Today:

You should avoid making yourself too clear even in your explanations — Baltasar Gracian, Spanish philosopher (1601-1658). □

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Ancient sea reptile gave birth, did not lay eggs

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The remains of a giant sea creature are providing the first proof that these prehistoric reptiles gave birth to their young rather than laying eggs.

Plesiosaurs, which lived at the time of dinosaurs, were large carnivorous sea animals with broad bodies and two pairs of flippers.

Researchers have long questioned whether they would have been able to crawl onto land and

This undated image provided by the journal Science shows a life reconstruction of the plesiosaur *Polycotylus latippinus* giving birth to a single, large young, based on fossil evidence from the Upper Cretaceous (80 million years ago) of Kansas.

Associated Press

lay eggs like other reptiles or gave birth in the water like whales. "This is the first evidence of live birth in plesiosaurs — an exciting find," said geology professor Judy A. Massare of the State University of New York, Brockport, who was not part of the research team.

The newly unveiled fossil was originally discovered in 1987 in Logan County in Kansas.

Encased in rock, it had been stored in the basement of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County until resources were available to separate the bones for display at the museum. F. Robin O'Keefe of Marshall University and the museum's Luis Chiappe uncovered the bones of an adult plesiosaur and the remains of a fetus inside her.

The museum dated the fossil, which is more than 15 feet long, to between 72 million and 78 million years ago. The researchers report on their analysis of the pregnant plesiosaur in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*. O'Keefe said he had seen photos of the fossil, but was still surprised when he first saw it. "I wasn't prepared for the emotional response I had," he said in a telephone interview. "You don't very often walk up to one and say: 'That is a really cool fossil.'"

"I walked around it for about a half hour, it excited me the way I used to get excited as a kid," he said. There had been evidence of live births in an ancestor of plesiosaurs.

But the lack of proof for plesiosaur birth has been puzzling, said R. Ewan Fordyce, head of the geology department at the University of Otago, New Zealand, who was not involved in the research. Fordyce said the researchers do a good job showing "that this is a fetus and not a young animal that has been eaten."

He said it was the right size for a fetus and in the right place, and there's no sign that it had been eaten and digested. Anthony Russell of the biological science department at the University of Calgary, Canada, called the find "significant." "It would be hard to imagine these animals coming out onto land laying eggs somewhere," he added, so arguing that all plesiosaurs were doing this is a reasonable hypothesis. In their paper, O'Keefe and Chiappe suggest a parallel between plesiosaurs and modern whales, also large animals that give birth to relatively big offspring. Like whales, they said, plesiosaurs may have formed social groups and tended their young. □

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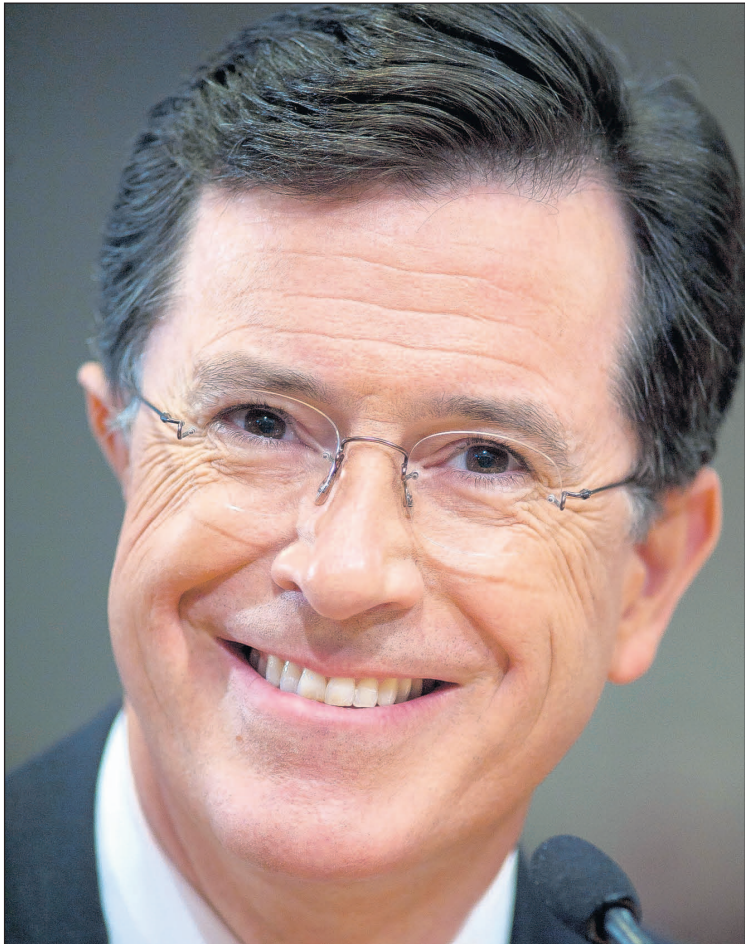
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Comic Colbert using PAC to encourage Iowa vote

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Colbert's latest attempt at campaign mischief-making involves encouraging Iowans to write in a false name during the week-end's presidential straw poll, but one television station in Des Moines isn't playing along. Colbert, who formed a "super PAC" this year and won approval from the Federal Election Commission to begin taking contributions, is encouraging Iowans to vote for "Rick Parry" during Saturday's test vote for Republican presidential candidates.

'Parry' with an 'a' for America, an 'a' for Iowa," one ad says. On his show Thursday, he encouraged the misspelled vote "because there's no 'e' in 'team.'" Colbert bought commercial time to run his ads on the NBC and CBS affiliates in Des Moines. But the ABC affiliate, WOI-DT, rejected the ads. In an email sent to Colbert, the station said the ads would confuse voters. "The Midwestern media elite are trying to silence us," Colbert said. "They don't want your voice to be heard, folks. The fat cats



Comedian Stephen Colbert appears before the Federal Election Commission in Washington, Thursday, June 30, 2011. Colbert, who formed a "super PAC" earlier this year and won approval from the Federal Election Commission to begin taking contributions on Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, is encouraging Iowans to vote for "Rick Parry" during Saturday's test vote for Republican presidential candidates.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, with an "e," signaled his intention to join the GOP presidential scum on Thursday but is not on the straw poll ballot. Voters are able to write in candidates, however. The comic, who portrays a mock political talk host on his Comedy Central show, produced two television commercials through his PAC, laden with images of corn and farms, asking for the "Parry" vote. "That's

in Des Moines think they can sit in their ivory corn silos and play puppet-master with our national politics." The station's vice president and general manager did not immediately return phone and email messages Friday. Lawyers at KCCI-TV, Des Moines' CBS affiliate, looked the ads over and had no problems with them, said Paul Fredricksen, the vice president and general manager. □



In this image released by Fox, judges from left, Nigel Lythgoe, Mary Murphy and Lil' C, from the dance competition series "So You Think You Can dance," are shown in Los Angeles. Melanie Moore flew away with the grand prize on "So You Think You Can Dance." Viewer votes awarded the pixie-haired 19-year-old college student the title of "America's Favorite Dancer" and the \$250,000 prize.

(AP Photo/Fox, Adam Rose)

Fox's 'So You Think You Can Dance' crowns champion



From left, Marko Germar, Sasha Mallory, Melanie Moore and Tadd Gadduang, from the dance competition series "So You Think You Can dance," are shown in Los Angeles. Melanie Moore flew away with the grand prize on "So You Think You Can Dance" on Thursday night.

(AP Photo/Fox, Adam Rose)

DERRIK J. LANG
AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Melanie Moore flew away with the grand prize on "So You Think You Can Dance." Viewer votes awarded the pixie-haired 19-year-old college student the title of "America's Favorite Dancer" and the \$250,000 prize.

Moore bested 23-year-old runner-up Sasha Mallory and 22-year-old third-place finisher Marko Germar on the Fox dancing contest's finale Thursday. The powerful contemporary dancer was long considered the eighth season's front-runner. Host Cat Deeley said Moore

picked up an impressive 47 percent of viewer votes. She clinched the competition, mostly by mastering artful contemporary routines set to such tunes as Bonnie Tyler's "Total Eclipse of the Heart" and Ingrid Michaelson's "Turn to Stone." □

Bert and Ernie to wed? Sesame Street says "No"

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NEW YORK (AP) — An online petition calling for the nuptials of Muppet flat-mates

Chicago resident Lair Scott, who posted the petition, is seeking matrimony for the "Sesame Street" chums as a way to make gay and

who are different.

The marriage could legitimately happen, he reasons, since Sesame Street is located in New York, where gay marriage became legal in June. Others agreed. By Thursday afternoon, Scott's petition had collected 5,800 signatures.

But there were alternate petitions also waiting on the website, Change.org. They included: "Stop Bert and Ernie from getting married"; "Stop the senseless false labeling of these two best friends"; and "Leave Bert and Ernie alone." You could take your pick from those or nearly two dozen more. Or you could just tweet about it.

On Thursday, "Bert & Ernie" was a trending Twitter topic.

One tweet wondered why so much attention was being showered on Bert and Ernie's domestic status, when poor Oscar the Grouch remains on the curb, dwelling in a garbage can. Another tweet questioned why SpongeBob and Patrick seem above any suspicion, just because they maintain separate residences. □



Muppets Bert, left, and Ernie, from the children's program "Sesame Street," are shown in New York. An online petition calling for the nuptials of Muppet flat-mates Bert and Ernie has sparked controversy. Chicago resident Lair Scott, who posted the petition, is seeking matrimony for the "Sesame Street" chums as a way to make gay and lesbian kids who watch the show feel better about themselves, and to promote tolerance for people who are different. Sesame Workshop, which produces the long-running children's series, declared in a statement, "They were created to teach preschoolers that people can be good friends with those who are very different from themselves."

(AP Photo/Beth A. Keiser, file)

Bert and Ernie has sparked comment, controversy and lots of tweets. But don't bet on wedding bells to ring.

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Warrant lead singer Jani Lane dies at 47

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jani Lane, the former lead singer of the metal rock band Warrant, has died in Los Angeles. He was 47. Officer Sara Faden says Lane's body was found Thursday in a Woodland Hills hotel. She had no immediate information on the cause or circumstances of his death. With his long blond hair and tight leather outfits, Lane embodied the excess of 1980s "hair metal" rock bands. He joined Warrant in 1984 and wrote such hits as "Heaven," "Down Boys" and "Cherry Pie."



The band Warrant poses during their glory days. Jani Lane, the former lead singer of the band Warrant, has died in Los Angeles. He was 47.

He had an on-and-off relationship with the band, leaving it in 1992 before returning and quitting again several times. In recent years, he appeared in the reality TV show "Celebrity Fit Club" and made news for a drunken driving arrest. He is survived by two daughters from two previous marriages. □



A girl dances on the street during the 51st annual trumpet and brass bands festival in the village of Guca, some 160 km (100 miles) southwest of Belgrade, Serbia, Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011. At the start of each August, this sleepy village in western Serbia attracts hundreds of thousands people, including tens of thousands from all over Europe and even the United States.

(AP Photo/Darko Vojinovic)



A model wears a creation by Tramando for the spring/summer 2011-2012 collection during Buenos Aires Fashion Week in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

Mitt Romney's vanishing act

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PELLA, Iowa — If the Iowa Republican debate were to provide a truly accurate mirror of the race at this juncture, Tim Pawlenty would wear a sandwich board, with a scrawled plea to the state's voters: "Save me." Michele Bachmann would spin onto the stage in a giant teacup, to find a microphone three times the size of anyone else's and a spotlight four times as bright. Newt Gingrich, looking characteristically put out, would unveil a new campaign slogan: "The Glow for This Hour." And the party's most likely nominee, Mitt Romney? He wouldn't show. The less seen of him, after all, the better. That's not my harsh assessment. That's been his de facto campaign strategy this summer. His curious absence through the debt-ceiling showdown even set off a spirited name game in the news media, with different scribes lofting different sobriquets: the missing Mormon, the phantom front-runner and (courtesy of Ben Smith of Politico) a denizen of the Mittness Protection Program. Couple his low profile with his history of reinvention and you wind up with a candidate who campaigns in disappearing ink. It's tough to get a read on him, and he leaves no strong impression. He did, in fact, emerge from Mittness Protection and materialize (or is that Mitterialize?) in Iowa on Wednesday, in advance of the debate, which he will actually attend. But he'll leave before the straw poll on Saturday. Now you see him. Now you don't.

I saw him midday here in Pella, where he took a seat at a drab conference table in a drab conference room for a meeting with about a dozen local business leaders. There was no campaign regalia, no boldly colored backdrop, nothing to draw or hold the eye. "Looks like I get a microphone," he said, noting the instrument before him. "But I'm not planning on saying much."

Over the ensuing hour, as the business leaders bemoaned the economy, he did a lot of listening and nodding, punctuated with such measured words in such a mild voice that it was possible to register only his teeth, tan and dangling forelock. Assuming you eluded slumber. Can Romney get all the way to the White House like this? There's still plenty of time for him to step it up, but, for now, he is doing something

risky and remarkable: asking people to vote for him while encouraging them to look away. The case he's making is more anti-Obama than pro-Romney, and it's only when he's bashing the president that his words catch fire, or his ember-like approximation of it. He personifies the Republican bind in 2012. Party leaders believe (with excellent reason) that Obama is eminently beatable, yet they're fretful (as they should be) that they're squandering that opportunity with a field of candidates too weak for the task. Rick Perry doesn't really change that. His record in Texas is more complicated and less flattering than the bonanza of job creation he and his supporters extol, and he may be a Texan too soon with a political orientation too conservative for a country still shaking off George W. Bush. The attention lavished on him over recent days suggests Republicans' yearning for someone to swoop in and save the day. This yearning has even bequeathed poetry, with Bill Kristol penning sonnets of sorts to politicians he wishes would run. Following up on a Chris Christie poem he published in March, Kristol used the most recent issue of *The Weekly Standard* for an ode to the likes of Paul Ryan, Marco Rubio and Jeb Bush. "At our back we all now hear/Time's winged chariot hurrying near," he wrote, referring either to the few months left to get into the race or to "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." It wasn't clear. He further implored the resisters to "manfully embrace your fate/and boldly be a candidate." That he didn't say "womanfully" suggests a prudent change of heart. Kristol helped foist Sarah Palin on the world. Suddenly she's en route to Iowa, endlessly teasing out the mystery of her intentions. As for Romney, his comportment on Wednesday was less manful than muted, less bold than bland. He seemed to be running for management consultant in chief.

"Wouldn't it be nice," he asked the business leaders, "if people in Washington actually spent a part of their career working in the real economy?" When someone responded that it should be a prerequisite, he said, "If that's the case, then I'm in."

He'll need a more rousing argument, starting with the debate, for which I offer this couplet of counsel: "Find your passion and some will/Lest Chitty turn you to road kill." □



The hijacked crisis



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Has market turmoil left you feeling afraid? Well, it should. Clearly, the economic crisis that began in 2008 is by no means over.

But there's another emotion you should feel: anger. For what we're seeing now is what happens when influential people exploit a crisis rather than try to solve it. For more than a year and a half — ever since President Barack Obama chose to make deficits, not jobs, the central focus of the 2010 State of the Union address — we've had a public conversation that has been dominated by budget concerns, while almost ignoring unemployment. The supposedly urgent need to reduce deficits has so dominated the discourse that on Monday, in the midst of a market panic, Obama devoted most of his remarks to the deficit rather than to the clear and present danger of renewed recession. What made this so bizarre was the fact that markets were signaling, as clearly as anyone could ask, that unemployment rather than deficits is our biggest problem. Bear in mind that deficit hawks have been

warning for years that interest rates on U.S. government debt would soar any day now and that the threat from the bond market was supposed to be the reason that we must slash the deficit now now now. But that threat keeps not materializing. And this week, on the heels of a downgrade that was supposed to scare bond investors, those interest rates actually plunged to record lows. What the market was saying — almost shouting — was, "We're not worried about the deficit! We're worried about the weak economy!" For a weak economy means both low interest rates and a lack of business opportunities, which, in turn, means that government bonds become an attractive investment even at very low yields. If the downgrade of U.S. debt had any effect at all, it was to reinforce fears of austerity policies that will make the economy even weaker. So how did Washington discourse come to be dominated by the wrong issue? Hard-line Republicans have, of course, played a role. Although they don't seem to truly care about deficits — try suggesting any rise in taxes on the rich — they have found harping on deficits a useful way to attack government programs. But our discourse wouldn't have gone so far off-track if other influential people hadn't been eager to change the subject away from jobs, even in the face of 9 percent unemployment, and to hijack the crisis on behalf of their pre-existing agendas.

Check out the opinion page of any major newspaper, or

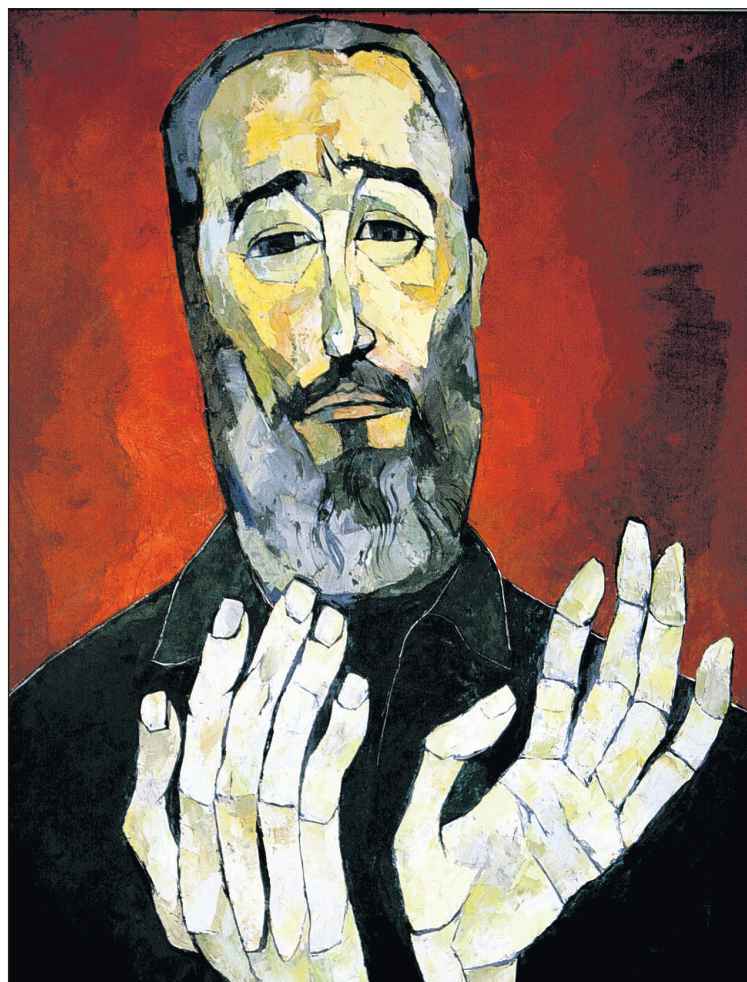
listen to any news-discussion program, and you're likely to encounter some self-proclaimed centrist declaring that there are no short-run fixes for our economic difficulties, that the responsible thing is to focus on long-run solutions and, in particular, on "entitlement reform" — that is, cuts in Social Security and Medicare. And when you do encounter such a person, you should be aware that people like that are a major reason we're in so much trouble. For the fact is that right now the economy desperately needs a short-run fix. When you're bleeding profusely from an open wound, you want a doctor who binds that wound up, not a doctor who lectures you on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle as you get older. When millions of willing and able workers are unemployed, and economic potential is going to waste to the tune of almost \$1 trillion a year, you want policymakers who work on a fast recovery, not people who lecture you on the need for long-run fiscal sustainability. Unfortunately, giving lectures on long-run fiscal sustainability is a fashionable Washington pastime; it's what people who want to sound serious do to demonstrate their seriousness. So when the crisis struck and led to big budget deficits — because that's what happens when the economy shrinks and revenue plunges — many members of our policy elite were all too eager to seize on those deficits as an excuse to change the subject from jobs to their favorite hobbyhorse. □

Latin American singers honor Fidel Castro at 85



A car drives past a billboard showing Cuban leader Fidel Castro with the words reading in Spanish 'Socialism or death', in Havana, Cuba, Friday, Aug. 12, 2011. Artists and admirers of ailing Fidel Castro celebrate his 85th birthday starting today with different events. Castro will turn 85 Saturday.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)



A painting depicting Cuba's leader Fidel Castro, by late Ecuadorian painter Oswaldo Guayasamin, is seen during an exhibit in Havana, Cuba, Friday, Aug. 12, 2011.

(AP Photo/Javier Galeano)

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HAVANA (AP) — Nearly two dozen singers and musicians from nine Latin American nations were honoring Fidel Castro with a happy-birthday concert Friday on the eve of the former leader's 85th. Dubbed the "Serenade to Fidelity," the spectacle was planned as an "hom-

Party Congress in April, walking to his seat with the help of an aide. At that same gathering, the party named a leadership council without him on it for the first time in five decades, leaving Fidel Castro with no official position.

Yet even in retirement, Castro casts a long shadow. Raul has said he consults with his older brother,

tion at all costs."

Castro has been a prolific writer of newspaper columns and books in recent years, including autobiographical accounts of the events that led him to take power in a 1959 revolution. Castro has published just one opinion column since late May, though it's not unusual or unprecedented for his pen to go silent for



A worker stands next to a photograph of Cuba's leader Fidel Castro holding a painting depicting him and made by late Ecuadorian painter Oswaldo Guayasamin during an exhibit in Havana, Cuba, Friday, Aug. 12, 2011.

(AP Photo/Javier Galeano)

age to the life of a man, of a people, of a nation and of a revolution," the Communist Party newspaper Granma said.

Dignitaries from other countries were expected and the event's planner promised there would be surprise visitors, but it was not known whether Castro himself would attend.

He has been out of power since 2006, when he was stricken with a nearly fatal intestinal illness and temporarily ceded the presidency to his brother Raul.

The elder Castro permanently renounced the presidency in 2008.

Castro is rarely seen in public these days, and he seemed unsteady on his feet when he made a showing at a Communist

and some Cuba-watchers say his presence has acted as a brake on reforms that Raul is betting will save the island's economy by loosening some state control.

"I think the issue is how long (Fidel) is going to linger on and how long he's going to meddle in the government," said Ann Louise Bardach, a longtime Cuba watcher and author of "Without Fidel: A Death Foretold in Miami, Havana and Washington."

"As long as he is alive and he is compos mentis, he's not going to change his thinking," Bardach said. "He's not going to have an epiphany about economic policy.

He's going to do what he always did, which is the preservation of the revolu-

extended periods.

Omara Portuondo, the Grammy-winning singer of Buena Vista Social Club fame, was the big draw for the show at Havana's 5,000-seat Karl Marx Theater.

The playbill also included regionally known performers such as Venezuela's Cecilia Todd, Uruguay's Daniel Viglietti, Chile's Pancho Villa and Argentina's Liliana Herrero.

But the night's real star was undoubtedly Fidel, whose defiance of the United States continues to inspire leftist activists around the world.

"It's a feeling of love. The serenade is a genre that is born out of love," Viglietti said at a news conference earlier this week. □